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9 Wed 14.30	Aslib Chemical Group Visit: Science Reference Library, Holborn Branch, London WC2 Contact: Miss J. V. Hughes, Shell UK Administrative Services, UASAC/315, Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA
*10 Thurs 18.00	Economic and Business Information Group New Year Party Aslib Contact: N. Oxbrow, London Business School Bookshop, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA Details later
11 Fri 16.30 17.30	Technical Translation Group Annual General Meeting and Sherry Party Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
*14 Mon 17.00 for 17.30	Informatics Group New Year Wine & Cheese Party and Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Pamela Harter, IEA Coal Research, 14/15 Lower Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 0EX
*16 Wed 14.00	Aslib Midlands Branch meeting: 'Whither professional education,' by C. Turner and T. Haywood, Birmingham Library School Midland Hotel, Birmingham Contact: Mrs A. Lawes, Food, Drink and Tobacco ITB, Barton House, Barton Street, Gloucester GL1 1QQ Tel. Gloucester 28621
17/18 Thur/Fri	Aslib Course: Introduction to Library Automation Aslib Fee: £46; Aslib members £36 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
22/25 Tues/Fri	Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work Aslib Fee: £90; Aslib members £70 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
23 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib Evening Meeting: A community information service — the Bretton Aid Centre, by Alan Bunch Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Leaflet with December issue
*29 Tues 16.00 and 17.00 for 17.30	ASSIG Annual General Meeting and Evening Meeting: Janet Morgan, Editor of Crossman Diaries, on the experience of freedom of information legislation in other countries. Aslib Contact: Eve Johansson, Official Publications Library, British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG
30 Wed 14.00	Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Visit: Royal Society of Medicine Library 1 Wimpole Street, London W1 Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, Wills Library, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London Bridge, London SE1

FEBRUARY

1 Fri	Aslib Course: Handling Product Information Aslib Fee: £30; Aslib members £23 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
4/5 Mon/Tues	Aslib Course: Official Publications Aslib Fee: £70; Aslib members £55 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
11 Mon	Aslib Course: Techniques of Reference Work Aslib Fee: £30; Aslib members £23 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
*14 Thurs 14.30	Economic and Business Information Group Meeting 'Microprocessors: issues and implications' Aslib Contact: D. Rigglesford, Industrial Relations Training Resources Centre, Ashridge Management College, Berkhampsted, Herts.
*15 Fri 14.00	Technical Translation Group Visit: May and Baker Ltd, Dagenham Contact: Mr C. Fleurent, May and Baker Ltd, Information Services Department, Dagenham, Essex RM10 7XS Tel. 01 592 3060 ex. 2189
*19 Tues 18.00	Aslib Midlands Branch meeting: Non-UK companies information by R. Leake, Jordan & Sons Midland Hotel, Birmingham Contact: Mrs A. Lawes, Food, Drink and Tobacco ITB, Barton House, Barton Street, Gloucester GL1 1QQ Tel. Gloucester 28621
20 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib Evening Meeting: Information on industrial relations, by Carol Smart Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Leaflet with December issue
20/22 Wed/Fri	Aslib Course: Thesaurus Construction Aslib Fee: £75; Aslib members £60 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
25 Mon 17.00 for 17.30	ASSIG Evening Meeting: The Industrial Relations Training Resources Centre, by David Rigglesford Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
*26 Tues 15.00 for 15.15 and 15.45	Informatics Group Annual General Meeting and Meeting Aslib Contact: Pamela Harter, IEA Coal Research, 14/15 Lower Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 0E)
29 Fri	Computer Group Seminar: Negotiating for a Computer Aslib Contact: M. Hyman, Scicon Consultancy International Ltd, Heathcoat House, 20 Savile Row, London W1X 1AE. Tel. 01 439 9761 ex. 43 Leaflet with December issue.

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MARCH

4/7 Tues/Fri	Aslib Course: Classification and Indexing Systems Aslib Fee: £100; Aslib members £75 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
*5 Wed 14.30	Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Bank of England Contact: Mrs T. Perry, National Enterprise Board, 12–18 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1 Details later
*12 Wed 12.00	Aslib Midlands Branch Annual General Meeting followed by a buffet lunch and a talk from Professor E. R. Laithwaite, Imperial College of Science and Technology Midland Hotel, Birmingham Contact: Mrs A. Lawes, Food, Drink and Tobacco ITB, Barton House, Barton Street, Gloucester GL1 1QQ Tel. Gloucester 28621
*13 Thurs	Aslib Course: Your Customers and You Aslib Fee: £40; Aslib members £30 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
14 Fri 15.00	Technical Translation Group Meeting: Dictionary Forum Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
*19 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib Evening Meeting: Cuts and the Special Library, by Dr H. W. D. Stubbs, ICI Ltd, Petrochemicals Division Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Leaflet with January issue
20 Thurs 16.00 and 17.00 for 17.30	Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Annual General Meeting and Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, Wills Library, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London Bridge, London SE1 Details later
23/26 Sun/Wed	EURIM 4: European conference on Innovation in primary publication: impact on producers and users Palais des Congrès, Brussels Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Programme and registration form with September issue
28/30 Fri/Sun	Electronics Group 22nd Annual Conference Royal Holloway College, Egham Contact: S. A. Thornton, Main Library, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hants. Details later
*31 Mon 17.00 for 17.30	ASSIG Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

APRIL

*1/3 Tues/Thurs	Chemical Group Course: Introduction to Nature and Language of Chemistry Polytechnic of the South Bank Contact: Susan Salt, Chemical Industries Association, Alembic House, 93 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TU Tel. 01 735 3001
14/15 Mon/Tues	Aslib Course: On-Line Information Services: An Introductory Look Aslib Fee: £100; Aslib members £80 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
*15 Tues 18.00	Aslib Midlands Branch meeting on 'Acquisition of US publications' by A. Armstrong, Alan Armstrong and Associates Ltd Midland Hotel, Birmingham Contact: Mrs A. Lawes, Food, Drink and Tobacco ITB, Barton House, Barton Street, Gloucester GL1 1QQ Tel. Gloucester 28621
*16 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib Evening Meeting: Judith Wardle, Corporate Responsibility Centre Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later
18 Fri 15.00	Technical Translation Group Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later
21/25 Mon/Fri	Aslib Course: Business Information Course Aslib Fee: £100; Aslib members £80 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
*23 Wed 14.30	Economic and Business Information Group Visit: BBC News Information Library Contact: Mrs T. Perry, National Enterprise Board, 12–18 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1 Details later
*24/26 Thurs/Sat	Aslib Midlands/Northern Branch Joint Annual Conference Chester Contact: Mrs A. Lawes, Food, Drink and Tobacco ITB, Barton House, Barton Street, Gloucester GL1 1QQ Tel. Gloucester 28621
*30 Wed	Computer Group Seminar: Data Entry for Library Catalogue and Information Retrieval Aslib Contact: Mike Hyman, SCICON, Heathcoat House, 20 Savile Row, London W1X 1AE

MAY

12/16 Mon/Fri	Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work Aslib Fee: £100; Aslib members £80 Details and application form in December issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

19 Mon — Aslib Course: Microforms in Libraries
NRCd, Hertford
Fee: £38; Aslib members £30
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

20/23 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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28/30 Wed/Fri — Aslib Course: Dissemination of Information
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2/3 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: An Introduction to the Universal Decimal Classification
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Fee: £45; Aslib members £35
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

9/10 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Computer-Produced Indexes
Aslib
Fee: £60; Aslib members £45
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

12 Thurs 16.00 — Aslib Annual General Meeting
Royal Institution of Great Britain,
28 Albermarle Street, London W1
Contact: Director-General's Secretary, Aslib

*12 Thurs 17.00 for 18.00 — Aslib 13th Annual Lecture: Sir Charles Curran, Managing Director Visnews Limited, on Communication without distortion
Royal Institution of Great Britain,
28 Albermarle Street, London W1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

JULY

*4/8 Fri/Tues — Aslib (with LA) Audiovisual Group Annual Study School and Conference: The exploitation of audio-visual materials in libraries
Loughborough University of Technology
Contact: Peter Liebscher, Open University Library, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes
Tel. 0908 63530
Details later

SEPTEMBER

15/19 Mon/Fri — Aslib/Institute of Information Scientists/Library Association Joint Conference
City Hall, Sheffield
Contact: 1980 Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

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22/25 Tues/Fri — Aslib 54th Annual Conference
University of Oxford
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

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ASLIB ACTIVITIES

HEADQUARTERS

Conferences and Meetings

1980 starts with the prospect of two large conferences: EURIM 4 and the Joint Aslib/IIS/LA Conference – read on for reports on their progress; and a programme of Evening Meetings that should maintain the successful level of 1979. On January 23, Alan Bunch, Peterborough's Information Librarian, will talk about the Bretton Aid Centre, an exciting new venture undertaken by three large district libraries, to meet the needs of the new town areas of Peterborough and to seek fresh forms of service to the public particularly in the area of community information. Topical – let us hope not too painfully so – will be the meeting on February 20, when Carol Smart, City of Coventry, Libraries, Arts and Museums Department, will talk about Information on Industrial Relations. The same could be said of Dr H. W. D. Stubbs' topic – Cuts and the Special Libraries on March 19 – and don't imagine for a moment that a giant like ICI Petrochemicals is immune from the harsh climate that affects us all. Finally, there are hopes that Judith Wardle of the Corporate Responsibility Centre will talk to us in April, describing some of their own activities, the range of their bibliographies and data bases and of their service in general, possibly leading on to a look at sociological aspects of the industrial environment.

Details of all Aslib meetings – Headquarters, Branches and Groups – are published in the monthly Calendar in *Aslib Information,* so watch this for developments. Your contact for Headquarters activities is the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

EURIM 4: a European conference on innovation in primary publication: impact on producers and users

23–26 March 1980, Palais des Congrès, Brussels

An attempt to overcome the lack of space for a large commercial exhibition at EURIM 4 may lead to a rather exciting and novel substitute – demonstrations of some of the new technologies that will be discussed in the sessions. Because some of these projects have hardly advanced beyond the pilot stage, there are problems in launching them to the public in Brussels, but negotiations are under way and hopefully this additional dimension will enhance the already exciting programme.

Booking at this initial stage looks good with the wide national spread of former conferences already reflected. The concessionary rate for the fee ended on January 1 and hotels in Brussels are already making noises about not holding room allocations beyond January. Don't forget, if you're in the UK, that Hogg Robinson Travel is offering a travel/accommodation package and can also advise you about individual arrangements. For information about this and all other aspects of EURIM 4, contact the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Aslib/Institute of Information Scientists/Library Association Joint Conference

15–19 September 1980, City Hall, Sheffield

A happy augury, very much in the spirit of the original decision to hold a joint conference – Professor W. L. Saunders, President of the Library Association in 1980, has accepted the invitation of the Joint Conference Planning Committee that his Presidential Address to the Library Association should also be the Opening Address to the Joint Conference. As a Past Chairman of Aslib Council and a Fellow of the Institute of Information Scientists, he symbolizes in himself the three-in-oneness the Conference would like to achieve and that the rest of the programme seeks to embody.

The main outlines of this programme are now established. The distinguished list of speakers has been reinforced by Richard Hewlett, Head of Research and Registry Services, BBC; Don King, King Research Inc, Rockville, USA; John Ward, National Consumer Council and Max Broome, Hertfordshire County Library. Groups of the three organizations have been invited to offer sessions, preferably of relevance to the overall theme and bearing in mind the possibilities of joint action with other subject groups or their counterparts in the other organizations.

A programme with details of speakers and sessions, visits, social activities and accommodation arrangements will be published in March or April, together with details and a space booking form for the exhibition. Your contact for information is the 1980 Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Visitors to Aslib

Two noteworthy visitors to Aslib in November were Kang Feng and Yu Hong Jun, who were attached to the delegation from the People's Republic of China, headed by Chairman Hua Kwo Feng, which paid a historic visit to Britain last fall. Mr Kang is Deputy Director of China's Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, and Mr Yu, Director of the Foreign Affairs Bureau. Through an interpreter, they discussed the work of Aslib with L. J. Anthony, the Deputy Director, who was interested to hear that Aslib's services and publications are highly thought of in China.

'Journal of Documentation'

Fresh faces at the last meeting of the *Journal of Documentation's* editorial board belonged to four recently appointed board members:

David Dews, Manchester Business School;
Angela Haygarth Jackson, ICI;
Alan Negus, SCICON Consultancy; and
Peter Taylor, Aslib Research and Consultancy.

The Board wishes to remind readers of *Aslib Information* that it is always keen to see fresh material for possible publication; it welcomes original articles on most aspects of documentation, librarianship and information science, both theoretical and practical.

The *Journal of Documentation* is concerned with both the processes of information handling and the organization thereof; with the institutions and systems, general or special, which handle information; with the social environment of information processing and communication; and with the nature of information itself.

It gives special attention to articles treating or illustrating general principles, and presenting new information management techniques. Papers based on research or practice are accepted, as are those with a historical slant. A particular feature of the Journal is its Progress in Documentation articles. These are evaluative, in-depth surveys of topics in documentation and information science, or of areas impinging on it. Each issue normally contains a Progress article.

The Journal also publishes shorter Documentation Notes, Letters, occasional Historical Studies in Documentation, and Classification Research Group Bulletins.

Book reviews are an important feature of the Journal and cover a wide range of literature. The reviews are extensive and critical, rather than just informative, and aim as far as possible to be original contributions to the subject.

The journal is published quarterly by Aslib. Papers, which will be evaluated by referees in the usual way, should be submitted to: Dr Karen Sparck Jones, Managing Editor, *Journal of Documentation,* Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

CHEMICAL GROUP

A review

It seems appropriate at this time of year to review what the Chemical Group has achieved during the past twelve months, and to outline the plans for 1980. First of all, a new committee was formed at the AGM in April, and consists of the following:

Larry Adler	Chairman
John Orpwood	Secretary
Alan Nineham	Treasurer
Sue Hoselitz	
Alison Dalton	
Valerie Hughes	
Sue Salt	
John Stevenson	
Francis Tait	
Margaret Wells	

A new constitution has been drawn up and subsequently accepted by Aslib Council, with one amendment. It is a long-standing right of headquarters to give two *ex officio* members; therefore, we are required to add to the existing text of Section 4 — 'the honorary secretary and honorary treasurer of our Group shall be *ex officio* members of the Group Committee.'

The Chemical Group ran a very successful course on 'The Chemical Industry' in September. This was a new arrangement of an old course, and we were very encouraged by the fact that ten of the thirteen people who attended replied to the end-of-course questionnaire, and all were enthusiastic. Plans are now in hand for a course entitled 'An introduction to the nature and language of chemistry'. This will be at the Polytechnic of the South Bank at Easter. For further details contact Sue Salt, Chemical Industries Association, 01-735 3001.

A future date to note is November 1980, when the Laboratory of the Government Chemists are proposing to run a symposium on Chemicals Nomenclature. This will be a three-day symposium — details are being discussed.

university college of swansea

Appointment of Librarian

Applications are invited for the post of **Librarian**, which will become vacant on 1 October, 1980.

Applicants should be graduates with qualifications in librarianship, experience of an academic library and an interest in automated services.

The salary will be a minimum of £10,998 per annum (under review).

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to whom applications (10 copies) should be returned by Friday, 19 January, 1980.

INFORMATICS GROUP

Group activities

The proceedings of Informatics 5 are already a financial success due to the enthusiasm of Kathleen Gray and Maxine MacCafferty, who edited the papers within a matter of weeks. It will surprise some that a series of conferences and their associated proceedings devoted primarily to the semantic fundamentals of information retrieval could ever be profitable. Nevertheless, this financial viability reinforces what many Group members have always argued, namely that progress in information retrieval can only be achieved through a deeper understanding of its semantic and syntactic basis.

Between conferences the Group has organized regular afternoon meetings including teach-ins on thesaurus construction, workshops on indexing, analyses of individual systems (especially mechanized systems) and examination of specific problems encountered in everyday practice. The Group was closely associated with the drafting of BS 5723 *Guidelines for the establishment and development of monolingual thesauri* which formed the topic of the November afternoon meeting. It was considered that the document was excessively long and could be improved by moving all the examples to a separate section (perhaps to the model thesaurus originally proposed by the Aslib Co-ordinate Indexing Group). Many of the Guidelines were considered to be excessively rigid and insufficient allowance had been made for fully automated systems. BS 5723 was criticized for reflecting past practice rather than attempting to look towards future needs. There was insufficient time available to discuss thesaurus structure or the problems of compound words — both of which it is hoped will form the basis for future meetings.

The Group also has an interest in the *Journal of Informatics* which complements the Informatics conferences by seeking to establish a dialogue on the foundations of information science.

Organizing these activities requires a moderate amount of effort and afternoon meetings are usually preceded by a committee meeting. The committee consists of the Group Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman and several members. The Treasurer has intimated that, though wishing to remain on the Committee, she wished to retire at the end of this year, and the Secretary would be grateful for assistance. The Group is urgently in need of new members to provide new ideas and if the Group does not provide these volunteers it will inevitably cease to function is spite of all the activity mentioned.

The Group AGM will be held on 26 February and will be preceded by a Group party and meeting on 14 January. It is vital that members should give very careful consideration as to how they wish the Group to advance at this AGM.

Meetings

ASLIB EVENING MEETING

Wednesday, 23 January 1980
17.30
(Tea 17.00)

Aslib,
3 Belgrave Square,
London SW1

A COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICE – THE BRETTON AID CENTRE

Speaker: A. J. Bunch, Information Librarian, Peterborough

Chairman: Barry Langton, Essex County Librarian

The opportunity and challenge of planning three large district libraries to meet the needs of the new town areas of Peterborough has encouraged the library to seek new forms of service in co-operation with other agencies, particularly in the field of community information.

The willingness of other agencies to experiment with using libraries as a base for their services was fostered through the formation of the Peterborough Information Group, a regular forum for information and advice agencies which is chaired and serviced by the library.

The first district library to be built, at Bretton, offered a prime site linking a covered shopping area with a large community complex, The Cresset. The service began with four agencies operating from a shared desk with library staff. A user survey carried out after six months of operation revealed that the generalist agencies were more successful in numerical terms and that there was a large element of information seeking on a 'self-help' basis. This concept has been strengthened. The service has continued to develop with some agencies dropping out and other services being increased or added.

The experience at Bretton is being built on for the other two district libraries, which are also joint school/public libraries. There is here the added opportunity to develop community information as a part of the school curricula and for the total facilities of the library plus the school Audio-Visual and Reprographic Unit to become a community resource centre.

If you wish to attend, please complete and return the application form with this issue, by 18 January 1980.

ASLIB EVENING MEETING

Wednesday, 20 February 1980
17.30
(Tea 17.00)

Aslib,
3 Belgrave Square,
London SW1

INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Speaker: Carol Smart, Reference Librarian, City of Coventry Libraries, Arts and Museums Department

The development of the literature of industrial relations (which is taken to mean the legal or regulatory framework for the interaction of employee, employer and government) has accelerated sharply in recent years, under the pressure of the growth of trade union influence and government reaction to it. Public libraries have not been very quick to develop their resources to meet the potential need, and various attempts are being made by other institutions to fill the gap. Coventry City Libraries are in the unique position of having set up, in collaboration with local trade unionists a collection expressly to meet this need, namely the Tom Mann Centre for Trade Union and Labour Studies. The Centre collects information, in all available media, concerning the current preoccupations of the trade union movement, its historical development, and the life and times of Tom Mann (the Coventry born trade union pioneer after whom the centre is named). The literature of the subject presents some considerable problems of bibliographical control, much significant material being ephemeral and never recorded in conventional bibliographical sources. Practical ways of dealing with these difficulties are noted.

If you wish to attend, please complete and return the application form with this issue, by 15 February 1980.

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for the page to: Megan Thomas Information and Research Officer, Allied International Designers Ltd., 10 Rathbone Place, London, W1P 2DN. Tel: 01-580 8465

Sheffield City Libraries
Local Company Information

Sheffield City Libraries' Business Library is building up a collection of reports and accounts of companies in Sheffield and the surrounding area. The individual files are on microfiche and consist of the company's articles of association, mortgage documents and the last few years' annual reports and accounts. When complete the collection will cover almost 2,000 local companies, providing an invaluable data bank for the local businessman and general public.

Many of the files will be of interest to local historians as they contain copies of early documents relating to long-established Sheffield businesses such as Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Ltd. Other companies have undergone changes of name caused by mergers and takeovers, thus obscuring their local origins. Whitbread East Pennines Ltd, for example, began life as Tennant Brothers Ltd and their original articles of association can be found on microfiche in the collection.

Trade Catalogues of Sheffield Companies

A comprehensive collection of trade catalogues issued by local companies is being built up by Sheffield City Libraries' Business Library. The aim is to build up a permanent collection reflecting the range of products manufactured by Sheffield industry. It is hoped that the catalogues will be of value to the business community and the general public, as well as future historians of the locality.

The trade catalogues are currently available for reference in the Business Library in the Central Library, and will eventually be transferred to the Local Studies Section as they are replaced by later editions.

Companies that have not yet been contacted for copies of their trade catalogues are invited to donate copies to the Business Library (ref. BL/HH), Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 1XZ. Further information is available from the Commerce and Law Librarian, Terry Hanstock, on Sheffield 734736–9.

SRI

SRI International is to carry out research into the values and lifestyles of people in several Western countries in order to identify and assess probable future trends and their likely impacts on business, government and society. A similar three-year study was conducted in the United States, identifying major shifts in thought and behaviour. The reports are now available to clients. Contact SRI on 01 686 5555.

New Publication

A new directory was published by Dun & Bradstreet in November called *Principal International Businesses.* According to pre-publication publicity this work will provide detailed information on 53,000 companies in 150 countries. The information contained will be as follows: Duns number, Import/Export indicator, Business Name, Parent Company, Business Address, Telex Number, Sales Volume, Employees, SIC Number, Lines of Business and name of Chief Executive.

Price £120 per copy. For further details contact Mr P. B. Mellor, Dun & Bradstreet Limited, 6–8 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4BU; tel. 628–3691.

Publications from Government Departments other than those available from HMSO

AAA Ltd's *Information News* recently produced a useful note on lists published by several Government libraries on documents not available from HMSO. *Publications 77* is a list published in 1978 available free from the Department of Trade Library, Room LG 30, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET. It covers documents issued by the following Departments: Trade, Industry, the Monopolies & Mergers Commission, the Office of Fair Trading, the Price Commission (now defunct), Export Credits Guarantee Dept, Energy, Prices & Consumer Protection. It also includes the addresses of Small Firms Information Centres and of Department of Industry Regional Offices.

The Dept of Health & Social Security's library at Alexander Fleming House, Elephant & Castle, London SE1 6BY, has published an *Annual List* since 1975, while the Dept of the Environment/Dept of Transport Library Services also have *DOE/DT Annual List of Publications* available from DOE/DT Sub-Library, Building 6, Victoria Road, South Ruislip HA4 0N2.

The Civil Service Dept, Central Management Library, Whitehall, London SW1A 2AZ issues *Published by CSD 1968–1977,* a subject guide to the publications of the department.

BIM Library

The British Institute of Management is offering the following directories, recently withdrawn from their collection, free on a first come, first served basis to anyone who can collect them or is willing to pay postage on them.

Directory of Unions in the EEC 1974
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Europa Yearbook 1978 (Vol. 1)
Brickers Directory 1978
Go: The Annual Guide to Graduate Opportunities 1979

In addition BIM have available a 1975 (65th) edition of the *Thomas Register of American Manufacturers & Thomas Register Catalogue* which they will sell to the highest bidder. The Register consists of 11 volumes as follows:

Vol 1–6 Products and services listed alphabetically;
Vol 7 Company names, addresses, telephone nos, offices, capital ratings, company officials;
Vol 8 Brand names, index to products and serivces;
Vol 9–11 Catalogue of companies appearing alphabetically and cross-indexed in the first eight volumes.

Anyone wishing to buy should contact BIM as soon as possible.

The BIM Library also now publishes an accessions list six times a year. A number of libraries and institutions already receive this but if anyone else is interested, sample copies of back numbers are available. Entries are arranged under the same headings as the Basic Library of Management. Anyone who would like to receive copies may subscribe at a cost of £6 a year (including postage). Cheques should be made payable to the British Institute of Management Foundation and sent to Mrs Susan Parker, Assistant Librarian. For enquiries on any of the above, the telephone number is 01-405-3456 ex. 121.

NOTES

British Council cuts

At the same time as the Library Association has issued a detailed statement of concern about possible economies in British Council expenditure requested by the Government, comes news that the latest British Council Library to be opened in India was overwhelmed by 2,500 new borrowers in its first few days.

The new library, in Hyderabad, is the ninth British library in India in addition to the four British Council regional libraries at Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay. With the opening of the Hyderabad library, all four southern state capitals in India are now provided with a full range of library information and services by the Madras regional office of the British Council Division.

The Library Association cited, in defence of Council expenditure, the need to improve the climate of overseas opinion in order to develop the markets for British exports, the need to offset the hidden losses to Britain incurred by reductions in the number of overseas students in Britain, and the need to couple defence policies with recognition of the political influence wielded by the Council's library and information services and programmes.

Enquiries on the LA statement should be directed to Feona J. Hamilton, the LA, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE; tel. 636 7543; and on the British Library programme to Third World Media, New Zealand House, Haymarket, London SW1Y 4TS, or to the British Council Headquarters, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1.

British Library documents

The British Library achieved connection of BLAISE to EURONET DIANE on an operational basis in November/December 1979. Details about BLAISE, EURONET DIANE and the SITINTEL 'black box' by means of which the connection was made are contained in an information package available from Press Officer, Margaret Treen, The British Library, Store Street, London WC1E 7DG; tel. 636 1544 ex. 333.

November also saw the appearance of the BL's sixth Annual Report, highlighting activities and achievements over the past year. Free copies of the report may be obtained from the address above.

Finally, a discussion paper published in April 1979, on policies for the arrangement of Science Reference Library stock for the 1980s, is still available from the SRL Holborn Branch, 25 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1AW; tel. 405 8721. The Head of Reader Services there would like to receive comments on matters raised in this document.

Data capture service

Centre-file (Data Preparation) Ltd have issued an information sheet on the services they provide for data capture and file creation. These services are used for the compilation of subscription lists, membership records, catalogue data, indices, personal records, and similar functions.

The company say that in many cases data capture by optical character recognition (OCR) techniques is 'simpler and cheaper than any other method'. Data on the source documents is transferred direct to OCR type sheets which are then automatically scanned and converted to magnetic tape. This cuts out a complete stage in the process of setting up computer files and reduces transcription errors to a very low level.

The information sheet is available from the company at Rolleston Hall, Rolleston Road, Croydon, Surrey CR2 0PT; tel. 681 3907.

CLW news

Why are patents apparently under-used as sources of information? This is one of the main questions to be posed in a two-year research project being undertaken by Dr Monica Jalloq of the College of Librarianship Wales. Funded by the British Library, the investigation will seek to estimate the present use made of patent information by lecturers and research workers in British universities and colleges and also the use made of the patent system for the legal protection of their inventions. Academic institutions are being studied since it is there that most scientists and technologists receive their formal training. Further information about the project is available from Dr Jalloq, Liaison and Training Services, CLW, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS; tel. 0970 3181 ex. 229.

A recent investigation has highlighted some of the problems of special libraries in the Republic of Ireland. Linda Main, an external student of the College of Librarianship Wales, has been awarded the degree of Master of Librarianship by the University of Wales for her thesis entitled 'The Development of Modern Special Libraries and Information Services in the Republic of Ireland'. In her conclusions, the author suggests that, despite the fact that a very large proportion of special libraries and other information bodies are at least partly government financed, there is little indication that the establishment and development of such organizations is being co-ordinated on a national basis. For further information contact: Linda Main, Reader Services, Trinity College Library, College Street, Dublin 2; tel. Dublin 772941.

Derwent Information Files for Japan

Derwent Publications Ltd, a member of the Thomson Organization, which offers a computer-based information retrieval service on patent abstracts, has announced the signing of a new contract which enables Japanese companies to use the system.

Derwent initially offered the information retrieval service in the UK. Subsequently, it expanded into Europe, and in 1976 an agreement was concluded with System Development Corporation of California to make the information files available throughout the USA. With these two major centres established, virtually any company in the world could gain access to the Derwent patent extracts using computer networks and satellite links.

However, for political reasons the Japanese were unable to link into either the European or American computer centres, and a local service had to be provided. The recently signed contract, a tripartite agreement between Derwent, SDC-California and a newly formed company SDC-Japan, will allow Japanese companies to retrieve information from a computer situated in Tokyo. The service, provided by SDC-Japan, became fully operational on 3 December 1979. The system will be marketed in Japan by the Nippon Gijutsu Boeki Company, and the access fee for subscribers has been set at approximately £60 per hour, with no signing on fee or minimum usage requirement.

The computer files, available for eight hours per day initially, comprise some 2½ million records covering world patents and journal abstracts relating to pharmaceuticals, medical literature, agrochemicals and new chemical reactions; this information base is being extended by more than half a million new records each year.

In addition to the Japanese agreement, Derwent has also announced that a new five-year contract has been signed with SDC of California to allow it to continue with the American operation. In both cases, however, Derwent retains control of the information base itself, together with all the marketing and pricing rights. For further information, contact Monty Hyams, Chairman and Managing Director, Derwent Publications, Rochdale House, 128 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8RP; tel. 242 5823.

Gale moves

Gale Research Company has moved its London office to larger premises at 12–13 Henrietta Street, London WC2E 8LH; tel. 379 3478, where a wide selection of its reference publications are on display. Gale publications are no longer distributed by European Book Service. They may be ordered direct from Gale at Book Tower, Detroit, Michigan 48226, USA, or through Ian Herbert, Gale's European agent, at the above address.

Library School annual report

Leeds Polytechnic School of Librarianship has published its annual report for 1978–79 (ISSN 0140 3885), comprising eighteen pages of information about the work of the school. The School also produces a Publications List; both are available from Leeds Polytechnic, 28 Park Place, Leeds LS1 2SY; tel. 0532 456696.

Australian/New Zealand Representatives for Lockheed DIALOG

Lockheed has announced an agreement with Insearch Ltd to represent the DIALOG Information Retrieval Service in Australia and New Zealand, and to initiate a programme of DIALOG training sessions, demonstrations, exhibits and customer support services. Insearch is a research and development company established by the Council of The New South Wales Institute of Technology. The Division of Information and Library Services acts as an information broker to provide information services to businesses, industrial firms, government agencies and private consultants. Insearch DIAL Services offices are located at 660 George Street in downtown Sydney; PO Box J36, Brickfield Hill, New South Wales, Australia, 2000; tel. 02 218 9190/1.

Information Required for On-line Data bank Study

Scicon Consultancy International Ltd is undertaking a study of on-line data banks for the Commission of the European Communities. The objective is to assess the feasibility of extending the EURONET Common Command Language for use with fact retrieval systems.

The Common Command Language is a harmonized command set that has been developed for the Commission and is now being used by several retrieval services providing access to bibliographic data bases via EURONET. The features provided in the Common Command Language at present reflect the fact that, until recently, most publicly available retrieval systems were bibliographic retrieval systems. Extending this command set would be beneficial to both users and service suppliers. User education would be less complicated and searches involving more than one data bank or system would be much easier. As it is generally agreed that the end user is quite likely to want to carry out the search for factual information it is an obvious advantage to have a standardized command language.

To carry out the assessment of the feasibility of the proposed extension to the language the investigators must examine the facilities that are currently available, particularly in terms of the subject content, retrieval facilities and record content provided by a system. Service operators, software suppliers and any others with an interest are invited to send any relevant information to Alan Negus or Andrew Snowden at Scicon Consultancy International Limited, Heathcoat House, Savile Row, London W1; tel. 439 9761.

European Information Providers' Association

Over sixty representatives of organizations providing information in Western Europe attended a meeting in Luxembourg on 26 November 1979 to hear proposals for the formation of a European Information Providers' Association.

ASLIB READER SERIES

SERIES EDITORS: PETER J. TAYLOR & RUTH FINER

The Aslib Reader Series is designed to bring together into a single volume a selection of significant writings on a theme of central importance to librarianship and information work. Each volume has been compiled by a recognized expert in the field, and includes critical commentary on the chosen items, together with recommendations for further reading.

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A Planning Committee, chaired by Derek Barlow of INSPEC, who also chaired the meeting, submitted draft proposals relating to the function and purpose of such an association and to its membership, which were discussed at some length. Although there appeared to be a large measure of support for the setting up of such an association, no firm agreement was reached on either functions or membership and there was some concern expressed about possible overlap with existing organizations such as EUSIDIC.

The Planning Committee was asked to redraft its proposals to take note of the views expressed at the meeting and these will be circulated to those attending and to others who expressed interest.

EEC Promotion of Information Systems

The Commission of the European Communities, in pursuing its second action plan in the field of scientific and technical information, has stressed the growing need for services which provide factual data for direct use or which enhance the value of the information by analysis, evaluation, synthesis and repackaging. Future work will therefore lay emphasis on the promotion of such systems, which should be of value to all kinds of users throughout the Community.

The Commission is seeking proposals for new value-added services which do not duplicate existing services and is prepared to offer financial support for selected projects. The Community contribution will normally be 25 per cent of the development costs but, exceptionally, may be up to 49 per cent for proposals with particular Community relevance.

Proposals may be submitted by any organization or person within the Community but not later than 28 February 1980. Application forms and further information may be obtained from Commission of the European Communities, DG XIII/B — Office B4/006, Bâtiment Jean Monnet, Plateau du Kirchberg, Luxembourg.

EVENTS

City University short courses

These short courses at the Centre for Information Science take place during the Spring Term 1980 and are open to 'occasional students' although they are part of the M.Sc. syllabus. The fee is £70 per course, and classes are held one day a week for ten weeks. The courses cover the handling of:

Financial, commercial & legal information — Mondays; contact Mrs J. S. Rennie.

Biomedical & pharmaceutical information — Tuesdays; contact Mrs B. J. Kostrewski.

Scientific & technological information — Fridays; contact Dr C. Oppenheim.

Information for the citizen and the community — Tuesdays; contact Mrs J. S. Rennie.

The City University is located in Northampton Square, London EC1V 0HB; tel. 253 4399.

Society of Indexers

Aslib members and others are welcome to attend the following evening meeting of the Society of Indexers, which will be held at Library Association Headquarters, Ridgmount Street, commencing at 6.30 p.m. with refreshments from 5.30.

12 February 1980: M. Roper on 'The Public Record Office and its means of reference'.

Further details are available from K. G. B. Bakewell, Department of Library and Information Studies, Liverpool Polytechnic, Tithebarn Street, Liverpool L2 2ER; tel. 051 227 1781-3.

SCONUL Seminar

The SCONUL Advisory Committee on Information Services will hold a one-day seminar on 'Prestel in Higher Education' on Wednesday, 30 January 1980 at the University of Aston. Details are available from Dr R. G. Lester, Queen Elizabeth College, Campden Hill Road, London W8 7AH; tel. 937 5411 ex. 498.

Library Association Industrial Group

A one-day seminar on training in small libraries, organized by the LAIG, is to be held at LA Headquarters, 20 February 1980, between 10.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Papers will cover the problems of the small library, methods of training, induction and continuation training, each with discussion sessions. Morning coffee, buffet lunch and afternoon tea will be provided; the cost will be £12 plus VAT. Enquiries and bookings should be directed to Miss Margery Roaf, Information Officer, Foster Wheeler Power Products Ltd, Greater London House, Hampstead Road, London NW1 7QN.

Running the Information Service — Today and Tomorrow

As the larger information departments gradually cut back their staffing levels and the small ones invest in on-line services, the gulf between large sophisticated units and 'one-man band' operations is disappearing, and operational problems are being discussed in terms to which either group can relate. The 1980 Annual Conference of the Institute of Information Scientists aims to debate the common ground on which they both stand and will focus on the key decision areas facing all information practitioners in the immediate future.

The conference will be held at the College of Librarianship Wales, Aberystwyth, 16—18 April 1980; M. S. Dalton is Conference Chairman. Further details are available from the Conference Secretary, Ms M. Young, Parkinson Cowan Measurement, Talbot Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 0XX.

Easing the Way to Teach Library Use

The Bibliographic Instruction Committee of the American Library Association of the City University of New York (LACUNY) will host a two-day workshop and exhibit of library use programs to coincide with the annual ALA conference. It will he held at Baruch College in New York City, 27—28 June 1980.

The National LACUNY Workshop will combine the presentation of specially prepared multimedia library-use packages with a discussion of presentation techniques as they may apply to different audiences. The driving idea behind the workshop is to develop a collection of library-use packages that could be used selectively according to actual needs of librarians, from general library orientation programs to satisfying specialized information needs of students, community activists and users of law or business libraries.

The Program Committee encourages all librarians and media specialists to submit proposals for (or completed presentations on) library use in any media form: audio and video tapes, films and filmstrips, sets of slides or overhead transparencies and computer-assisted instruction software. The program is open to librarians from all types of libraries — school, college and university, public and special.

Additional information on the National LACUNY Workshop, its detailed program, conditions of participation and fees for exhibitors, may be obtained by contacting Dr Thomas V. Atkins at Baruch College Library, 17 Lexington Ave, New York, 10010; tel. 212 725 3114.

Gordon Conference on Scientific Information

The Gordon Research Conference on 'Scientific Information Problems in Research' has been approved for 1980. Professor Martha E. Williams, chairman of the conference, and John Murdock, vice chairman, have announced that the conference will be held the week of 14—18 July at Plymouth

State College in New Hampshire. The conference theme will be current societal problems that require both the integration of concepts from chemistry, biology, geology, etc. and reliable information on a timely basis, to solve the problems. Each day's problems will be developed around a major technological problem such as acid rain, ozone, or fuel from coal and shale oil. The morning speakers will be researchers who have had a significant role in the research problem and evening speakers will be people involved in the development and operation of an information program related to the technical discussion of the morning session. Professor Williams of the University of Illinois in Urbana and Mr Murdock of Informatics, Inc. in Rockville, Maryland would like to hear suggestions from scientists who have been involved in such programs.

IASA Conference

The preliminary program for the 1980 conference of the International Association of Sound Archives, to be held in Cambridge, 3–8 August, is now available from IASA secretary David Lance, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ. Open session topics include:

Sound archives in the UK: field recording programmes and practices;
Oral history interviewing;
Research use of radio sound archives;
Towards standard catalogue descriptions;
Model contracts for sound recordings;
Digital sound recording;
Fire regulations for sound archives;
Training of sound archivists;
Access to radio and record industry libraries.

PEOPLE

1979 ASIS Officer Election Results

Mary C. Berger has been elected President-elect of the American Society for Information Science (ASIS). She is a senior staff member of Cuadra Associates Inc., Santa Monica, Calif., where she develops and conducts the company's seminars on on-line data bases and on-line searching, as well as carrying out government-sponsored research into the use of on-line systems. Ms Berger will begin her one-year term as ASIS President in October 1980.

Berul Associates

Lawrence H. Berul, formerly Senior Vice President of Aspen Systems Corporation, Germantown, Maryland, has formed the consulting firm of Berul Associates Ltd, to specialize in the design and application of data base systems for litigation management, electronic publishing, information retrieval and the automated office. The firm will be located at 620 Hungerford Drive (Suite 16), Rockville, Maryland 20850, USA; tel. 301 340 7920. Mr Berul has internationally recognized experience in the application of modern information management techniques to new areas.

New Directors General for British Library

The British Library Board announced in November the appointment of Mr Alexander Wilson FLA, as Director General of its Reference Division (the former British Museum Library). He succeeds Mr Donovan Richnell who retired at the end of December 1979.

Mr Wilson has been Director of Libraries and Museums for the County of Cheshire since 1972, and has had a distinguished career in public libraries. After serving as a member of the Library Advisory Council (England) from 1971–1974, he was appointed by the Secretary of State for Education and Science as a part-time member of the British Library Board in July 1974. He has been active in international librarianship affairs and has taken a great interest in professional education in the UK.

The British Library Board also announced the appointment of Mr Peter R. Lewis MA FLA, as Director General of its Bibliographic Services Division (formed in 1974 from the former British National Bibliography Ltd). He succeeds Mr Richard Coward who resigned earlier last year.

Peter Lewis has been the University Librarian at the University of Sussex since 1972; he was previously with the Board of Trade Library, Queen's University, Belfast, and Skinners' Library, the City University. He has played an active role in national bibliographical activities: founder member of the Library Association Cataloguing and Indexing Group and founder editor of its journal *Catalogue and Index;* Chairman (and British Library representative) of the Joint Steering Committee for the revision of the Anglo American Cataloguing Rules; member of the Standing Conference of National and University Libraries (SCONUL), 1975–7; member of the Library Advisory Council for England, 1976–8; Vice President of the Library Association from 1979. He is chairman of the editorial board of the *Journal of Librarianship,* and a member of the board of the *Journal of Documentation.*

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Agricultural Research Council. Weed Research Organization.
Selected references to the biology and control of convolvulus arvensis (an addendum to Bibliography No. 95): 1975—1978. 1978. 66 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. 126. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Weed Research Organization, Agricultural Research Council, Begbroke Hill, Yarnton, Oxford OX5 1PF.

Bibl—1208
Agricultural Research Council. Weed Research Organization.
Selected references to the biology and control of phalaris brachystachys, p. canariensis, p. minor and p. paradoxa: 1956—1978. 1978. 98 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. 125. U.K. £4.00. Overseas £4.80.
Available from: Weed Research Organization, Agricultural Research Council, Begbroke Hill, Yarnton, Oxford OX5 1PF.

Bibl—1209
Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.
Diagnosis of amoebiasis. (n.d.). 31 pages. (n.p.).
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1210
Commonwealth Bureau of Animal Health.
Grasslands & animal health: bloat. Compiled from references in Veterinary Bulletin and Index Veterinarius for the period 1972—1977. 1978. 53 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. V26. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Central Sales Branch, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1211
Commonwealth Bureau of Animal Health.
Grasslands & animal health. Fertilizers: mineral & organic. Compiled from references in Veterinary Bulletin and Index Veterinarius for the period 1972—1977. 1978. 108 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. V23. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Central Sales Branch, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1212
Commonwealth Bureau of Animal Health.
Grasslands & animal health: fog fever. (acute bovine pulmonary emphysemis). Compiled from references in Veterinary Bulletin and Index Veterinarius for the period 1972—1977. 1978. 30 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. V27. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Central Sales Branch, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1213
Commonwealth Bureau of Animal Health.
Grasslands & animal health: hay and silage. Compiled from references in Veterinary Bulletin and Index Veterinarius for the period 1972—1977. 1978. 53 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. V25. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Central Sales Branch, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1214
Commonwealth Bureau of Animal Health.
Grasslands & animal health: nitrate/nitrite poisoning. Compiled from references in Veterinary Bulletin and Index Veterinarius for the period 1972—1977. 1978. 35 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. V24. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Central Sales Branch, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1215
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Asparagus (asparagus officinalis) 1971—1978. 1979. 258 refs. U.K. £5.50. Overseas £6.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Kent.

Bibl—1216
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Hops: drying, handling and storage 1957—1976. 1979. 98 refs. U.K. £4.00. Overseas £4.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Kent.

Bibl—1217
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Jojoba (simmondsia chinensis) 1968—1979. 1979. 29 refs.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Kent.

Bibl—1218
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Persimmon (diospyros spp.) 1968—1978. 1979. 183 refs. U.K. £5.00. Overseas £6.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Kent.

Bibl—1219
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Supplementary lighting of pot plants 1967—1978. 1979. 45 refs. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Kent.

Bibl—1220
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Leaf analysis as a guide to plant nutrient status: covering the published literature for 1960—1975. 1977. 597 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB1839. U.K. £8.00. Overseas £9.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1221
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of Greenland, Iceland and Spitzbergen: covering the published literature for 1930—1975. 1977. 42 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG1883. U.K. £1.50. Overseas £1.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1222
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of Libya: covering the published literature for 1930—1976. 1977. 35 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG1882. U.K. £1.00. Overseas £1.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1223
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of Mauritius, Reunion and the Seychelles: covering the published literature for 1931—1975. 1977. 53 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG1880. U.K. £1.50. Overseas £1.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1224
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of the Arabian Peninsular: covering the published literature for 1944—1976. 1977. 42 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG 1878. U.K. £1.50. Overseas £1.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1225
Essex County Council. Libraries.
Books on motoring. 1978. 15 pages.
Available from: Science and Technology Subject Specialist, Essex County Library Headquarters, Goldlay Gardens, Chelmsford CM2 0EW.

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COUNCIL

Aslib — CBI Panel

At a recent meeting, Council expressed a wish that the names of the Aslib—CBI Panel on Information for Industry should be made known to members through *Aslib Information* and that a brief report should be made of its work. The Director-General had reported to Council under the following headings:

Method of Working

The Aslib—CBI Panel functions essentially as a user group in information for industry, tackling particular issues in the light of experience and mobilizing where practicable the joint influence of Aslib and the CBI. The Panel has always aimed to transform discussion into action and is in process of dividing the various matters relating to the provision of information in industry among small working groups, each composed of members with a special interest in the subject. All topics are discussed by the Panel as a whole and those working on them are then in a position to represent the views of the Panel to outside bodies.

Achievements

A meeting attended by John Gray of the British Library and Clifford Nicholas of the Department of Industry provided impetus for the setting up of the On-Line Information Centre in Belgrave Square.

A meeting of the Panel with the Advisory Committee on Research and Development of the British Library established a channel for the transmission of the needs of industry for research to those bodies likely to undertake or sponsor it.

A meeting attended by the Director of the Science Reference Library resulted in the strengthening of the CBI representations concerning the British Library consultative document on Access to Patents.

A personal approach to HMSO on behalf of the Panel is seeking remedies for specific difficulties encountered in supply. Representations to Companies House are being co-ordinated with those of other representative groups. An invitation is to be extended to the Department of Industry to discuss with the Panel the supply of information to smaller firms.

Composition of the Panel

The Panel is composed of information managers from companies in industry and commerce who are members of both Aslib and CBI. The Chairman is Mr J. C. Duckworth, a member of the CBI Research and Technology Committee who is also a CBI Representative on the Advisory Council of the British Library. The Panel was convened by invitation in 1977.

Founder members still serving on the Panel are G. R. Cliffe (Unilever), H. H. Goom (GKN), Mrs M. Griffin (Smiths Industries), Mr M. Haines (Consultant), Miss A. Haygarth Jackson (ICI), Mr A. D. Jones (British Steel), Dr. D. Lewis (ICI), Mr. C. W. Mathew (John Laing), Mrs D. Palmer (Smith Kline & French).

Since the formation of the Panel Miss G. A. Dare has been co-opted to represent the British Institute of Management and Mrs T. J. Palmer as a nominee of the Aslib Economic and Business Information Group. Miss Dare is now Chairman of AEBIG and Mrs Palmer is now a member of Aslib Council. Dr John Spreadborough, a consultant, was proposed as a member by CBI because of his experience with small firms.

Relationships with Parent Bodies

Basil Saunders and L. J. Anthony of Aslib and Dr R. J. S. Green of CBI jointly provide the secretariat of the Panel.

The use of the name of CBI jointly with that of Aslib adds considerable weight to representations to government departments and official bodies.

The existence of a joint Panel is useful in helping to bring home the importance of professional information handling amongst the membership of CBI including the many companies who are not yet members of Aslib.

Members of Aslib with a particular point to make about services of information to industry are invited to write to the Director-General or to make contact with any member of the Panel.

HEADQUARTERS

EURIM 4: a European conference on innovation im primary publication: impact on producers and users
23–26 March 1980, Palais des Congrès, Brussels

As EURIM 4 approaches, a few changes in the programme to anticipate the handbook, which all registered delegates will receive (plus preprints of the keynote papers) three or four weeks before the Conference:

Professor Charlton Reed Price of the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, will replace Dr Murray Turoff as the keynote speaker on *Electronic mail and teleconferencing.* His main interests are management and organizational development; computer assisted communications; futures studies and forecasting; and policy studies. The abstract of his paper (prepared jointly with Dr Murray Turoff and Professor Starr Hiltz), already received, suggests how masterly his address will be.

Those already planning their extracurricular activities in Brussels will be interested to know that the Reception in the Hotel de Ville has been postponed from Monday to the evening of Tuesday, 25 March. On 24 March, at the close of the sessions, delegates will have an opportunity to take a sightseeing tour of Brussels (starting from the Palais des Congrès and lasting till about 19.45), a pleasant interlude before dinner. Booking for this will be on registration in the Palais des Congrès in the evening of 23 March or on 24 March.

It is hoped to stage some rather exciting and novel demonstrations of technologies connected with the conference theme in the Künstgalerij adjoining the auditorium in the Palais des Congrès. Because of the exigencies of our press date, these are described in a separate leaflet circulated with this issue.

For further information on all aspects of EURIM 4 and for registration, your contact is the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Education and training for special libraries: a study conference
8 May 1980, at Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1

Are special libraries getting what they want from the library schools? – an old question but one that it is still worth asking and trying to answer. Intended to attract in equal force special librarians and educationists from the library schools, this study conference will first take an overview of library school curricula, look at trainee schemes in special libraries and, after a trenchant statement of what special libraries want from the library schools, a panel will seek to determine what is the future role of library education for the special library.

Contact for further information and a programme (which will be distributed in March) is the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Aslib/Institute of Information Scientists/Library Association Joint Conference
15–19 September 1980, City Hall, Sheffield

It is intended that the programme and registration form for the Joint Conference, as well as the space booking form for the exhibition, should be distributed by the three organizations in March. A very exciting and comprehensive programme is nearly complete and this is supplemented by contributions from the Aslib and LA Groups and specialist panels of the IIS. The Society of Indexers is collaborating with the LA Cataloguing and Indexing Group to set up a session on *The Index: access or barrier to information?*; the Aslib Computer Group hopes to be joined by the IIS On-line Users Panel to look at *The new technology – opportunities and problems*; AEBIG proposes a seminar on *The availability of business information outside London* and ASSIG have made some interesting suggestions for the study of community information services, with which, with John Ward as one of their speakers, the Public Librarians' Group of the LA will also be concerned.

A programme of visits will provide an alternative to sessions in the afternoons of 17 and 18 September, with trips to Chatsworth and Hardwick as well as places of professional interest in and around Sheffield. Accommodation will be in the University Halls of Residence with the option of choosing hotel accommodation, for which a booking service is provided. Welcome Receptions on 15 September should start the Conference on the right convivial note; the City of Sheffield will entertain all delegates to an evening reception on 16 September (and those who attended the Annual Conference in Sheffield in 1972 will remember what local hospitality is like) and the Conference Banquet on 17 September will take place in the handsome and historic Cutlers' Hall. Meanwhile for the young in fact and spirit, the Institute's special expertise is being directed to the provision of discos and to 'Infotainment', which to date is still a mystery package to Aslib members of the planning team.

For further details and a copy of the programme on publication, contact the 1980 Conference Organizer, Aslib.

LIBRARY

Thesauri

In addition to acting as a depository library for published thesauri, the Aslib Library also acts as a clearing-house for information on thesauri which are planned or in preparation. Accordingly, if you intend to prepare a new thesaurus, please notify the Library, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL (as suggested in British Standard 5723: 1979, section 10, management aspects of thesaurus construction), so that an announcement can be published in these pages.

A. R. Eaves, Head of the Information Centre at the Building Services Research and Information Association, has notified the Library that a thesaurus on the mechanical and electrical services of buildings is in preparation by BSRIA and is due to be finished in March 1980. It will be available separately but will also be used to extend the building services coverage of the Construction Industry Thesaurus.

BIOLOGICAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES GROUP

The Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group's programme for 1980 includes proposed visits to the British Library Science Reference Library in April (Agricultural Literature) and in October (Biological Literature). On 15 May there will be a meeting and visit to an institution in the Reading area and a discussion meeting on *Biological nomenclature and classification applied to information retrieval* is planned for 11/12 November. All these, with further details, will be confirmed in the Calendar next month. The contact is Miss S. M. Childs, Wills Library, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London Bridge, London SE1.

COMPUTER GROUP

Data Entry for Library Catalogues and Information Retrieval
30 April 1980, at Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1

In the past, most library and information systems have had to rely on input devices more suited to the conventional data processing systems for which they were designed. However, the increasing interest in text-oriented applications and recent technological developments have resulted in new, more suitable devices coming on the market.

To consider these developments and other related topics

the Aslib Computer Group will be running a seminar on *Data Entry for Library Catalogues and Information Retrieval* at Aslib Headquarters on 30 April 1980.

The seminar is designed for librarians and information officers who are or will be concerned with the preparation of data for library computer systems. The papers will cover the major aspects of data entry in this environment:

special requirements for bibliographic and similar data;
selection of the data elements to be recorded (e.g. author and title) and their formats in relation to the overall functions and output requirements of the system;
potential use of existing machine-readable records from another organization, such as MARC tapes, or as part of a co-operative network such as BLCMP;
desirability, or otherwise, of doing a retrospective conversion of existing manual files and the organization of such conversions;
types and selection of conversion devices and media, and the organization of operational procedures.

The speakers will have experience of the selection and use of data entry procedures in library and information work. They will include speakers from academic, public and special libraries, equipment suppliers and consultants.

The chairman for the seminar will be Dr John Metcalfe, Editorial Director of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.

The fee for the seminar, which is not subject to VAT, will be £25 for Aslib members and £30 for non-members. If payment is made at the time of booking, a £5 reduction on the fee will be given. Bookings and requests for further information should be sent to Mike Hyman, Scicon Consultancy International Ltd, Sanderson House, 49–57 Berners Street, London W1P 2AL (telephone 01 439 9761). Cheques should be made payable to the Aslib Computer Group.

Databases suitable for users of environmental information

Gerda Yska

John Martyn

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North America $15; $12 to Aslib members

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AEBIG News

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for the page to: Megan Thomas Information and Research Officer, Allied International Designers Ltd., 10 Rathbone Place, London, W1P 2DN. Tel: 01-580 8465

Advertising and Marketing Information

Some seventy people attended AEBIG's successful one-day conference on this topic which was aimed at stimulating discussion between the users and providers of information in this area.

The day provided therefore a mix of short reviews of particular services such as Keynotes, EIU, Nielsen, Dun & Bradstreet plus critical appraisals of sources currently available by Carl Morris and Peter Wilson of The Marketing Shop. They made their points effectively with the aid of specific case histories, stressing the problems and pitfalls of desk research especially when searching for reliable statistical data on poorly documented markets.

A service new to many people attending was the Mintel Information Service whose activities were described by the General Manager, Bridget Day, formerly of Delphic Information.

This company is a division of Mintel Publications, operating as a confidential source of marketing and business information in response to specific enquiries.

Mintel staff will investigate clients' enquiries carrying out the necessary desk research and original research, when appropriate. Many questions can be answered on the telephone – some immediately, and photocopies of relevant items can be despatched. Alternatively, Mintel's substantial library can be used by clients wishing to carry out their own research.

Cost: Annual subscription £695. Ad-hoc basis: £15 project fee plus £4.50 per quarter hour of library staff time. £5 per hour personal access of £25 per day. Mintel also prepare a Daily Digest containing items of interest in the national, trade and business press. A subscription to the Digest on its own costs £280 per annum (two copies sent by first class post). The annual subscription to the Information Service, the Monthly Mintel Intelligence reports, and the Digest is £990.

For further information contact Sylvia Cami, tel. 839 1542. Mintel is based at 20 Buckingham Street, Strand WC2N 6EE.

ICC Business Ratios

The fifth edition of *Industrial Performance Analysis* was recently published by ICC Business Ratios, 81 City Road, London EC1Y 1BD. Over 100 sectors of British industry and commerce have been examined, based on an exhaustive survey of over 6,000 companies over the three years 1975–1978.

The analysis, which is compiled annually, provides a set of authoritative ratios which measure financial and managerial performance. It forms an invaluable guide for managements wishing to compare their own company's performance with the average for their sector and other related sectors and industries. *Industrial Performance Analysis* costs £20. The publication is also available, and will be regularly up-dated with new sectors and latest results, on the Post Office Prestel Service. For more information contact Chris Borkowski, tel. 638 2946.

Financial Times Business Information Services

Subscribers to this service will have been informed already that with effect from 1 January 1980 the FT Business Information Service increased its charges to £24 per research hour and the price of photocopies to fifteen pence per copy. An all-in charge of £7 is now made for Companies House reports, this being inclusive of the search fee and photocopying, irrespective of the size of the report.

BIS have also announced the formation of a new statistics unit headed by Alan Greenhorn, formerly with DHSS. The unit is intended to expand the provision of charts to subscribers.

At time of writing BIS is installing a new telephone system incorporating an automatic exchange, but with an operator to monitor calls in addition. BIS hope the new system, which should be in operation by February, will alleviate the problem of getting through to BIS which some subscribers have experienced.

Business Book Week, 19–26 May 1980

In a pilot venture, ten business book publishers have come up with the initiative for a national campaign to publicize and distribute business books more widely into industry, and to draw more businessmen into bookshops.

A national promotion campaign is being organized, including advertising, extensive direct mail and co-ordinated point of sale material. The main thrust of the promotion is behind twenty major new titles, to be featured in campaigns leading up to the Week, beginning on 19 May 1980.

The ten publishers are: Associated Business Press; Business Books; Gower Press; William Heinemann Ltd; Institute of Personnel Management; Kogan Page Ltd; Prentice Hall International; McGraw-Hill Book Co (UK) Ltd; Shaws Linton Publications Ltd; Wiley and Sons Ltd.

The books are currently being selected and will be announced at a later date.

Business Book Week is being spearheaded by a major launch in London. Ten authors' lunches are planned in major cities around the country to provide a focal point for local activities. The cities are Birmingham; Bristol; Cardiff; Edinburgh; Glasgow; Leeds; Liverpool; Manchester; Newcastle and Sheffield. The co-ordinator for Business Book Week is Linda Carter. She may be contacted at Shaws Linton Publications (tel. 02357 2252) for further information.

Information Systems in Marketing

The tremendous development in edp hardware and in the availability of data and standardized data analyses systems have made computer-based information systems a hot issue in marketing circles.

Under the convenorship of Flemming Hansen, professor at the Copenhagen School of Business Administration & Economics, ESOMAR – The European Society for Opinion and Marketing Research – is holding a management seminar dealing with information systems in marketing, in Amsterdam, 5–7 March 1980.

The programme contains contributions from people working with systems in large companies, with presentations describing what is available in terms of large scale data-bases relevant to the marketing manager, as well as presentations dealing with the organizational problems in relation to constructing marketing management information systems. A special session entitled "What can one buy?" is devoted to presentation of available services and data systems.

For further information please apply to: ESOMAR Central Secretariat, Raadhuisstraat 15, 1016 DB Amsterdam, The Netherlands; tel. (020) 22 86 68.

Alan Armstrong & Associates

Nigel Oxbrow, Manager of the London Business School Bookshop and an AEBIG stalwart, became a director of Alan Armstrong & Associates Ltd – specialist booksellers – on 1 January.

EVENTS

Man, Disease and Drugs – Information for the Physician

The British Computer Society Information Retrieval Specialist Group will hold a half-day meeting on the above topic on 20 February 1980. The meeting will be held at the Byng Kenrick Suite, University of Aston.

The physician needs three principal sources of information: data on the patient, data on the disease, and information about the treatment. The speakers will explore the role of computers in the supply of information.

Tickets, at £2 each, and further information are available from Dr D. Eakin, Fraser Williams (Scientific Systems) Ltd, Glendower House, London Road South, Poynton, Cheshire. Please make cheques/postal orders payable to BCS Information Retrieval Group.

Foundations of Information Science

The philosophical, mathematical, linguistic and social foundations of information science will be the subject of three lectures by B. C. Brookes, formerly Reader in Information Studies at University College London. These will be held in the Henry Morley Building, School of Library, Archive & Information Studies, University College, Gower Street, London WC1, at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesdays 19 March, 26 March, 2 April. They are open to all.

User Education Research

On 20 March 1980, the Library and Information Research Group will hold a one-day seminar on *Current R & D Projects in User Education in the UK.* The venue is Loughborough University, 10.00 to 16.30; the seminar fee of £12 includes buffet lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments. For bookings and further details contact Lesley Gilder, c/o Department of Library and Information Studies, Loughborough University, Loughborough, LE11 3TU; tel. 0509 63171 ex. 312.

Financial and Commercial Information for the Chemical Industry

The Chemical Society Chemical Information Group is holding a one day meeting on Thursday 20 March 1980 at the City University, London.

Speakers include users of financial and commercial information in the chemical industry and representatives of suppliers such as Fintel, Predicasts, UKCIS, etc. The fee for the meeting is £10 for non-members of the CS, £2 for Chemical Society Members, and £1 for CSCIG Members and excludes lunch. Further details are available from Mr C. D. Kopkin (CSCIG Treasurer), 38 Parham Drive, Gants Hill, Ilford IG2 6NA.

Introduction to On-line Systems and Services

A practical introductory course for librarians and information specialists will be held at the College of Librarianship Wales 21–24 April 1980. The equipment needed, searching commands and strategies, choice of data bases and services, and indications of costs will be included. Searches will be demonstrated on data bases in science, social sciences, technology and the humanities using the Lockheed, Dialtech, SDC and BLAISE services. Four types of terminal are available, and participants will use recorded training searches and will conduct brief live searches.

Incidentally, it will be cheaper to travel to CLW in 1980 even though rail fares are scheduled to rise. Under the terms of a deal agreed between the Colleges in the Aberystwyth area and British Rail, delegates attending courses and conferences at the College of Librarianship Wales will be offered a concession of one third reduction on the standard return fare.

For additional information, contact E. M. Keen or G. Collins, Liaison and Training Services, College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS; tel. 0970 3181 ex. 272 or 210.

Patent Information: the On-line Dimension

A one-day workshop, organized jointly by the UK Online User Group and the Patents Special Interest Group of the Institute of Information Scientists, will be held Tuesday 22 April 1980, at Macmillan Hall, Senate House, University of London. The workshop will comprise a series of short sessions by vendors of on-line patent information followed by talks by five speakers with considerable experience of searching for patent information on-line who will provide a practical evaluation of these services. During the coffee, lunch and tea intervals demonstrations of the services will be provided.

The fee is £22 for members of either of the organizing groups, or £27 for others. For further information, please contact Mr P. Ellis, Dept of Information Services, Kodak Ltd, Headstone Drive, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 4TY.

UK On-line User Group

A one day workshop on the use of the PASCAL data base on ESA-IRS with Denise Pelissier of CNRS Informascience will take place on Wednesday 23 April 1980 in Room A219, The City University, Northampton Square, London EC1. Because of space limitations, the workshop will be limited to thirty delegates. Cost will be £25–£30, depending on whether lunch is provided or not. For further information, please contact Dr C. Oppenheim, Centre for Information Science, The City University, Northampton Square, London EC1.

Indexers

'Indexers in a world of change' will be the theme of a weekend conference to be held by the Society of Indexers at Newnham College from 11–13 July 1980. Speakers will include Norris McWhirter, T. Russell Walker, Laurence Urdang, Kenneth Mellanby, Robert Collison, Gilos Moore, Cherry Lavell, Ann Hoffmann and Cecilia Gordon. Further details may be obtained from Mrs H. Pearson, 79 Highsett, Cambridge, CB2 1NZ.

Second International Conference on User Education

Following the success of the user education conference at Trinity College Cambridge in September 1979, and suggestions that it should be repeated, the Second International Conference on User Education will be held in Oxford in July 1981. The conference will again be sponsored by the British Library Research and Development Department, and it is hoped once again to attract an international audience and an international panel of speakers.

A new departure this time is to make a call for papers. 300-word abstracts of proposed papers are invited and these should arrive by 30 April 1980. At this stage the main themes of the conference will be decided. Prospective speakers will be notified by 30 June whether their paper has been accepted and complete papers (which must not exceed twenty minutes) will be required by 31 December 1980.

Topics on any area of user education from any sector (school libraries, public libraries, special libraries, higher education libraries, etc.) are invited. Send abstracts to: Peter Fox, Deputy Librarian, Trinity College Library, College Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

House of Commons Sessional Papers

The publisher Chadwyck-Healey Ltd, has contracted with twenty-two libraries in the UK to publish an entirely new edition of the Sessional Papers of the House of Commons for the nineteenth century (1801–1900). This is one of the largest publishing ventures ever undertaken in the UK, totalling over four million pages and containing 80,000 separate publications bound in 6,000 volumes. The new definitive edition will be published on 46,500 archivally-permanent microfiche and will take 3 years to produce. The first printing for the backers of the scheme totals 1.2 million microfiche, the largest single

order for archivally-permanent microfiche ever placed outside the USA, and is roughly equivalent to the entire annual output of archivally-permanent microfiche in the UK and Europe.

Twenty-two national, university, polytechnic and county libraries have come together to back the publication of this new edition. It is a new kind of co-operative venture between UK libraries and a publisher, in that the participating libraries have been actively involved in the planning of the project from the very beginning and have a financial share in future sales both in the UK and overseas, sales which are expected to run into several millions of pounds over the next few years. The libraries include the British Library, the National Library of Wales, the House of Commons Library and Cambridge University Library.

If you want more information please telephone Charles Chadwyck-Healey at Cambridge 311479 or 69333 during office hours (8.30 a.m. – 6 p.m.) or at Royston, Herts (0763) 42447 in the evening and at weekends.

New International Serials Standard

Research and preparatory work to establish a new international serials standard: guidelines for the compilation of union catalogues and union lists of serials, has been undertaken by Jean Whiffin, Head of the Serials Division at the University of Victoria Library, British Columbia, Canada, under the sponsorship of IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions). The IFLA contract is being funded by UNESCO as part of its programmes for UBC (Universal Bibliographic Control) and UAP (Universal Availability of Publications).

A number of organizations and institutions – among them the Canadian Union Catalogue Task Group, the CONSER Project, the American National Standards Institute, and the British Standards Institution – have been attempting to standardize specifications for serials holdings statements, and to define minimum reporting standards for worthwhile utilization of these statements at local, regional, national and international levels. It is hoped the UNESCO/IFLA Project can suggest guidelines before new problems are created by the further proliferation and incompatibility of national holdings standards.

Comments and suggestions from any librarian interested in this Project will be welcomed. In particular, Jean would like to learn from *users* of union catalogues and union lists of serials their expectations and needs for this kind of tool, their views on the strengths and weaknesses of the ones they now consult, and their specifications for the ideal model. She would also appreciate hearing from librarians who have at any time *edited* such a catalogue or list (whether print, microform, or in an on-line system), and receiving any written policies and other documentation they may have regarding bibliographic and holdings standards to be followed, compilation methodology, instructions to contributors, etc. It is requested that the following address be used: Miss Jean Whiffin, UNESCO/IFLA Union List Project, University of Victoria Library, PO Box 1800, Victoria, BC, Canada V8W 2Y3.

Panel on Chemical Nomenclature

Hitherto the United Kingdom has lacked a national body with the specific task of considering problems of chemical nomenclature. The increasing interest in this area, especially in connection with the work of the nomenclature commissions of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), has made apparent the need for such a body. On the initiative of the British National Committee for Chemistry (which is responsible for the relations between the Royal Society, the national adhering organization, and IUPAC) a panel has now been set up jointly by the Royal Society and the Chemical Society. It will report both to the British National Committee and to the Executive Committee of the Chemical Society. Its terms of reference are as follows:

to consider (or be responsible for expert views to be obtained in respect of) proposals, including all those from IUPAC, for chemical nomenclature and associated terminology and conventions including their implications in general and in the United Kingdom in particular;
to consider the application of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) recommendations in the United Kingdom, including problems arising from different interpretations of such recommendations.

The panel is chaired by Professor D. H. Whiffen, FRS, Department of Physical Chemistry, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU, U.K. Member of IUPAC's Interdivisional Committee on Nomenclature and Symbols; its joint secretaries are Dr R. W. J. Keay, CBE, Executive Secretary, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG, and Dr A. D. McNaught, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN.

It is intended that the panel will operate in the following ways:

Tentative or Provisional Nomenclature Recommendations from IUPAC or Other Bodies.
Where appropriate the panel will invite workers based in the UK to examine and comment on such recommendations
Definitive Recommendations from IUPAC or Other Bodies.
Where appropriate the panel will bring these to the attention of bodies concerned with British industry, research, education, or legislation, and encourage action if desirable.
Vacancies on International Nomenclature Bodies.
The panel will consider British representation and make recommendations if appropriate.
Queries raised by British Individuals or Bodies.
The panel will provide help and advice if appropriate and, as required, pass matters forward for international consideration.

Any queries or comments relating to the Nomenclature Panel should be sent to one or other of the joint secretaries, Dr A. D. McNaught and Dr R. W. J. Keay, who can also provide a complete list of the panel's members.

STATUS Software

BNF Metals Technology Centre of Wantage, Oxfordshire, the non-ferrous metals research establishment, has been licenced by the Computer Science & Systems Division of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment to offer its STATUS Software for information storage and retrieval to users of PRIME computer systems.

Principal advantages claimed for STATUS are the ability to maintain and subsequently search large amounts of information rapidly to retrieve mentions of specific interest, the ability to restrict access to chosen sections of the data base, and a basic search technique allowing either simple or sophisticated levels of operation. The latter feature allows the 'occasional' user to operate successfully with the system as well as the experienced operator.

Current applications of STATUS include technical abstracts, storing and retrieving search data, cataloguing, indexing, market data, mailing lists and legal documentation.

Full information on STATUS for PRIME computer applications is available on request from Tony Watts, BNF Metals Technology Centre, Grove Laboratories, Denchworth Road, Wantage, Oxfordshire OX12 9BJ; Tel. 0235 2992.

New MARC Format

The US Library of Congress Network Development Office has completed the first draft of a new MARC format for machine-readable data files. Interested persons are invited to review this draft and provide comments or suggestions. Copies of this document are available on request from the Network Development Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Deadline for submitting comments to the working group which produced it is 31 March.

This format is the latest in a series of formats for machine readable bibliographic records that have been published by the Library of Congress. The format structure follows the American National Standard for Bibliographic Information Interchange on Magnetic Tape (ANSI Z39.2-1979), issued by the American National Standards Institute.

PEOPLE

ASIS Awards

Among the activities during the 1979 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science in Minneapolis were the presentations of the annual awards for outstanding achievement in the field of information science or in service to ASIS. The following awards, among others, were given:

ASIS award of merit, to that individual who has made 'a noteworthy contribution to the field of information science', to Frederick G. Kilgour, President and Executive Director of OCLC, Columbus, Ohio.

Watson Davis award, to that member who has generously given 'continuous dedicated service to the membership of ASIS', to Frank Slater, Manager of Library Systems Development, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Toni Carbo Bearman of INSPEC in London chaired the ASIS Special Interest Group (SIG) on library automation and networks which won the SIG-of-the-year award.

Dr Lázár retires

After sixteen years of service as Director General of the Hungarian Central Technical Library and Documentation Centre (OMKDK), Dr Peter Lázár has retired. He will continue as Vice-President of FID and as Chairman of the Committee on Engineering Information of the World Federation of Engineering Organizations. Dr Lázár's successor at OMKDK is Mr Mihály Ágoston.

R. T. Bottle

Dr R. T. Bottle has recently been appointed to a personal chair in information science at The City University. He has been Director of the University's Centre for Information Science since 1973. Professor Bottle is the current Chairman of the Chemical Society's Chemical Information Group Committee. The third edition of his well-known *Use of Chemical Literature* was published in November by Butterworths.

ASLIB READER SERIES

SERIES EDITORS: PETER J. TAYLOR & RUTH FINER

The Aslib Reader Series is designed to bring together into a single volume a selection of significant writings on a theme of central importance to librarianship and information work. Each volume has been compiled by a recognized expert in the field, and includes critical commentary on the chosen items, together with recommendations for further reading.

Volume 1	Volume 2	Volume 3
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Maurice B. Line & Joyce Line, eds.	A. J. Meadows, ed.	P. Layzell Ward, ed.
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Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received and inspected the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

Bibl—1226
Civil Service Department. Central Management Library.
Accountable management in government. 1979. 7 pages. £0.80.

Bibl—1227
Civil Service Department. Central Management Library.
Trade union attitudes to work restructuring. 1979. 9 pages. £1.00.

Bibl—1228
Civil Service Department. Central Management Library.
Visual display units — health hazards. 1979. 2 pages. £0.30.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

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1980
MAY

7 Wed 14.30 — Transport and Planning Group Annual General Meeting
Department of the Environment and Transport, Library, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1
Contact: Miss L. Partington, Room P3/183, DOE/DTP Library Services, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1
Tel. 01 212 4823

12 Mon 12.30 — Economic and Business Information Group: Annual Lunch and Annual General Meeting
Speaker: Robert Fell, Chief Executive, Stock Exchange
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George Street, London SW1
Contact: Tessa Perry, National Enterprise Board, 12–18 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1
01 730 9600
or Nigel Oxbrow, London Business School Bookshop, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1. 01 262 5050

12/16 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £80
Details and application form in December issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

15 Thurs — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group: one day meeting
National Institute for Research in Dairying, Reading
Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, Wills Library, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London Bridge, London SE1

19 Mon — Aslib Course: Microforms in Libraries
NRCd, Hertford
Fee: £38, Aslib members £30
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*19 Mon 13.30 — Informatics Group Half-day Seminar
Database Management, by Geoffrey Hutton, Hutton & Rostron
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

20/23 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £90; Aslib members £70
Details and application form in March issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

22 Thurs 17.00 for 17.30 — Chemical Group Evening Meeting: What Library?! Selling your information service, by Susan Salt
Aslib
Contact: Frances Tait, BBC, Room 2 Broadcasting House, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA

*23 Fri 14.00 — Technical Translation Group Visit:
Rank Xerox, Euston Road, London NW1
Contact: Mrs E. P. Coke, Electricity Council, Overseas Relations Branch, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD
Tel. 01 834 2333 ext 6229
Details later

28 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: The occupational image, by Margaret Slater, Aslib
Leaflet with April issue
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Note change of date

29/30 Wed/Fri — Aslib Course: An Introduction to the Universal Decimal Classification
Aslib
Fee: £45; Aslib members £35
Details and application form in March issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

30 Fri 14.00 for 14.15 — ASSIG Visit to House of Commons Library, Westminster, London SW1
Contact: Muriel Windsor, The Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower King's Road, Berkhamsted, Herts

JUNE

5 Thurs — Aslib Course: Handling Product Information
Aslib
Fee: £30; Aslib members £23
Details and application form in March issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

6 Fri — Aslib Course: The Techniques of Reference Work
Aslib
Fee: £30; Aslib members £23
Details and application form in March issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

11 Wed 16.00 — Aslib Annual General Meeting
Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1
Contact: Director-General's Secretary, Aslib

11 Wed 17.15 for 18.00 — Aslib 13th Annual Lecture: John Maddox, Director, Nuffield Foundation, and Editor-designate of *Nature,* on Science and Public Policy
Royal Aeronautical Society
4 Hamilton Place, London W1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Leaflet with April issue

12 Thurs — Aslib Midlands Branch meeting on 'Book trade developments' by T. Godfray, Executive Secretary, Booksellers Association
Hudsons Bookshops, Loughborough University
Contact: Mrs A. Lawes, Food, Drink and Tobacco ITB, Barton House, Barton Street, Gloucester GL1 1QQ
Tel. Gloucester 28621

16/17 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Computer-Produced Indexes
Aslib
Fee: £60; Aslib members £45
Details and application form in March issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

20 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Translation Workshop
Aslib
Contact: Mrs E. P. Coke, Electricity Council, Overseas Relations Branch, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD
Tel. 01 834 2333 ext 6229
Note change of date

JULY

4/7 Mon/Fri — Aslib (with LA) Audiovisual Group Annual Study School and Conference: The exploitation of audio-visual materials in libraries
Loughborough University of Technology
Contact: Peter Liebscher, Open University Library, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes
Tel. 0908 63530

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

15/19 Mon/Fri — Aslib/Institute of Information Scientists/Library Association Joint Conference
City Hall, Sheffield
Contact: 1980 Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with March issue

23/26 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £90; Aslib members £70
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

29 Sept. 2 Oct. Mon/Thurs — Aslib Course: Dissemination of Information
Aslib
Fee: £90; Aslib members £70
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

OCTOBER

6/7 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Introduction to Library Automation
Aslib
Fee: £46; Aslib members £36
Details and application form in May issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*13 Mon — Aslib Course: Microforms in Libraries
NRCd, Hertford
Fee: £38; Aslib members £30
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*15 Wed 14.30 — Biological & Agricultural Sciences Group Visit
Science Reference Library (Bayswater Branch)
Contact: S. M. Childs, Clinical Librarian, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London SE1
Details later

*15 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Government Publishing — HMSO Plans for the 80's, by H. C. Dashfield
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

*23/24 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Microprocessors in Libraries
Aslib
Fee: £60; Aslib members £55
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

NOVEMBER

*3/7 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £80
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

11/12 Tues/Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group: Discussion Meeting
Biological nomenclature and classification applied to information retrieval
British Museum (Natural History), London SW7
Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, Wills Library, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London Bridge, London SE1

*13/14 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Using the Patents Literature
Chartered Institute of Patent Agents
Fee: £45; Aslib members £36
Details and application form in May issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*20 Thurs 09.30 — Technical Translation Group with Translators Guild of Institute of Linguists: Conference and Exhibition *Machine aids for Translators*
Kensington Close Hotel, Wrights Lane, London W8
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

*24/28 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £80
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

DECEMBER

*1/4 Mon/Thurs — Aslib Course: Financial Information
Aslib
Fee: £145; Aslib members £130
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

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APRIL

6/8 Mon/Wed — Information management and organizational change: a Conference
London Tara Hotel
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

SEPTEMBER

22/25 Tues/Fri — Aslib 54th Annual Conference
University of Oxford
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

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HEADQUARTERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Aslib will be held this year at 4 p.m. on Wednesday 11 June at the Royal Aeronautical Society in Hamilton Place, near Hyde Park Corner, which was the setting of last year's meeting. The Aslib Annual Lecture "Science and Public Policy," by John Maddox, Editor of *Nature*, will be delivered in the same hall at 6 p.m. on that day. Tea for those attending the lecture will be served at 5.15 p.m.

Aslib Annual Lecture
11 June 1980, The Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1

John Maddox, the well-known writer and broadcaster, who leaves the Nuffield Foundation (of which he has been Director since 1975) this summer to return to *Nature* as its editor, will give the Aslib Annual Lecture in London, on Wednesday, 11 June, at 18.00 hours.

His theme — *Science and Public Policy* — will deal with the principal question of the extent to which non-specialists (not always scientists) are able to make use of specialist data from disciplines other than their own in coming to decisions about public policy; and with the subsidiary questions of how best information on scientific matters in particular should be presented to non-specialist decision makers so as to help them to more confident decisions.

The Lecture is open to all members of Aslib free of charge and immediately follows the Association's Annual General Meeting. A leaflet and booking form were distributed in April and this issue also contains details of the Lecture and a booking form, which should be returned to the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Aslib/IIS/Library Association Joint Conference: The nationwide provision and use of information
15–19 September 1980, City Hall, Sheffield

As bookings begin to pour in, the programme itself is still developing. The Group sessions (full details of which will be published in the Conference Handbook) are proliferating in number and interest, the visits provide an attractive alternative to a wealth of sessions and exhibition space is heavily in demand. Next month many of these developments will be finalised and can be reported then, so watch this space. For further copies of the programme — already distributed — apply to the Aslib/IIS/LA Joint Conference Organizer, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

AUDIOVISUAL GROUP

The Group continues to organise a full programme of visits, courses and a conference each year for its members. As we share many common interests with the Library Association Audiovisual Group, some of the courses and the conference are jointly organized to everyone's advantage. The two Groups continue to manage jointly the editorial policy of the successful periodical *The Audiovisual Librarian,* the publication of which has recently been taken over by Aslib.

In the past year the Group has set up one day courses on Video in Libraries, and on Tape Slide Production. Members visited several places of interest including the BBC Hulton Picture Library, the slide collection of the Design Centre, the British Universities Film Council Audiovisual Reference Centre, the Independent Broadcasting Authority's Broadcasting Gallery and the audiovisual library facilities of the Open University. The Annual General Meeting in April discussed current developments in audiovisual copyright.

While the Committee continues to try to plan an educational programme of interest to members, we realise that we may not be including or representing your interests properly. We cannot do this without your guidance and feedback so please make a positive effort to keep us informed of your ideas and specific needs for a future programme. Write now to Sarah Greene, Media Librarian, Polytechnic of the South Bank, London Road, London SE1 0AA and let us know — it will be a great help.

Anthony Hugh Thompson
Chairman, ASLIB Audiovisual Group.

COMPUTER GROUP

Data entry for library catalogues and information retrieval: a seminar

Stop Press!

This seminar, held on 30 April, was fully booked and the Group is considering a repeat performance later in the year. Details later.

TECHNICAL TRANSLATION GROUP/TRANSLATORS' GUILD OF INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTS

Machine aids for translators: a conference and exhibition
20 November 1980, Kensington Close Hotel, London W8

The aim of this conference and exhibition is to inform translators, both freelance and in organizations, and those who are responsible for translation departments, of the many ways in which the proliferating new technologies can be exploited to improve their performance and productivity.

A logical sequel to the successful *Translating and the computer* conference in November 1978, *Machine aids for translators* will give a broad review of what is currently available, seeking to make some judgment between what is offered and its comparative value for money. How online retrieval systems could be made to serve translators, now and in the future, will be suggested and terminological data banks will also be described. A small user's reaction to machine aids and experience in exploiting their potential will be contrasted with a demonstration of the scope of technology in a large organization.

The exhibition, running concurrently with and following the sessions, will provide an invaluable opportunity to study and compare the various facilities when the assessment of their scope and potential is fresh in participants' minds.

A programme and registration form will be published and distributed later in the summer. Details on application to the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

INFORMATICS GROUP

Database Management: a half-day seminar
19 May 1980, at Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1

The proliferation of databases, both commercial and 'in-house', is happening rapidly and is involving people with widely differing backgrounds. It is essential that the dissemination of information on database management techniques should not lag behind these developments. If it does, then the results will be inefficient and ineffective systems and a consequent resistance to further advances, from those who judge by results (and pay the bills).

This seminar seeks to begin an investigation into the practical problems in this field. The programme will include a speaker (Geoffrey Hutton of Hutton and Rostron), discussion time, and a demonstration of a commercially available 'package' for information retrieval.

Certain problems facing the Informatics Group will be aired, and hopefully solved, at a short EGM during the afternoon.

The proceedings will begin with sandwiches and coffee at 1.30 p.m., and end with sherry between 4.30 and 5.00.

Further details with programme and registration form will be available shortly from the Conference Organizer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PL.

NEWS

EURIM 4
23–26 March 1980, Palais des Congrès, Brussels

For the 230 or so delegates – drawn from 21 countries not only in Europe but as far afield as Australia, Mexico and the Philippines – EURIM 4 will be memorable for many things – the outstanding accommodation in Brussels' Palais des Congrès, the reception in the beautiful Hotel de Ville, but above all perhaps for the programme, which had a more exciting content and promises to have a greater impact than any of its predecessors.

The theme examined in depth – and with the benefit of live demonstrations between the sessions – was *Innovation in primary publication: impact on producers and users,* and the level of discussion suggested that this was a gathering of really involved people discussing their problems in an intelligent and creative way. The quality of this interplay was mainly due to the galaxy of outstanding speakers – and the contribution from the United States was particularly sparkling, concluding with Derek de Solla Price's brilliant paper, aptly named *Terminal librarians and the ultimate invention* – and to the structure of the programme, where keynote papers were followed by commentaries, which stimulated discussion and underlined the opposing forces of conservativism and innovation which so often seem to attend the application of new technology.

The whole tendency of the programme was to emphasise the great benefits that the new technology can bring to information retrieval as well as the problems and frustrations that it encounters from such official bodies as the PTTs. At the same time, the technological developments must themselves be tailored to the needs of the user – both professional and ultimately the man in the street – to ensure their acceptance and to avoid a deterioration in the quality of life.

The proceedings of EURIM 4 will be published before the end of the year and can be ordered from the Aslib Publications Department.

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AEBIG'S ROLE AS A PUBLICIST FOR BUSINESS INFORMATION

The Committee met together in the autumn to discuss the role of EBIG in publicizing business information to its potential customers. We felt that any strategy adopted should be in two forms: that of the written word and that of speaking to groups of businessmen.

Written communications

Members of the group are urged to write articles about using business information and giving details of what is available to businessmen in local newspapers, trade and professional journals, house journals for those who have them and Chamber of Commerce journals. Most of these publications are ready to accept articles of direct subject or local interest and we would urge you *all* to try writing about what you do. For too long information people have not made their presence felt. If you would like to write an article or would like help with submitting it, ask any member of the Committee for assistance.

Speakers

We also felt that we would like to get together a panel of speakers from among the members of the group, who would be prepared to go to local Chambers of Commerce, business courses run by colleges and careers conferences. We need to get together a group of volunteers and develop the framework of different types of talks and handouts before we can approach those to whom we would like to talk. We are appealing now for volunteers. If you are interested please contact: GILLIAN DARE, BIM, MANAGEMENT HOUSE, PARKER STREET, LONDON WC2B 5PT, 01-405-3456 x 125 *or* CHRISTINE MISKIN, LINKLATERS AND PAINES, 59 GRESHAM STREET, LONDON EC2, 01-606-7080.

EBIG as a pressure group

We also felt that it was time we made our views known over issues which affect business information in any way. The Committee will take up issues as they come up. But we would also like members to take up issues as individuals by writing letters to newspapers or to local MP's and other people who may be involved in decision-making. We are hoping to arrange a forum where we will outline the available business information sources and discuss some of the issues and problems in obtaining access to certain types of information, especially outside of London.

The Committee would like to remind members of the Group that the responsibility of making the voice of business information known lies with each individual as well as with the group as a whole. Please take seriously our request that you should write articles and volunteer as speakers.

"Microprocessors: issues and implications"

This was the topic under discussion at an afternoon meeting organized by AEBIG recently. Our speakers were: Mr David Muston, Director, Industrial Design Division, AID and Mr Stan Davison, Assistant General Secretary, ASTMS.

David Muston gave an interesting slide presentation which opened by showing products already making use of the microprocessor — some familiar but some surprising. In most of them the microprocessor had been used for product enhancement which is only the first and most obvious step towards an all electronic product. 'To learn from these examples', David Muston said, 'we must be able to recognise not only products which contain microprocessors, but also to deduce which factors made the adoption of a microprocessor desirable in each case', e.g. hi-fi, cash registers, calculators. 'There are still many more products capable of enhancement before we look at an entirely new generation of microprocessor based products'. Mr Muston closed his talk with a look at a particularly inventive and imaginative sector of industry — toys manufacturing, where microprocessors are beginning to be used to great effect.

Mr Davison followed with a review of industrial history, tracing the gradual reduction of the agricultural workforce and the rise in the numbers involved in manufacturing industry. The workforce is now becoming increasingly white-collar, 49% currently, and the TUC estimates this will have risen to 64% by 1984.

Mr Davison then presented some dramatic figures which showed how the manufacturing workforce has been affected by the introduction of new technology e.g. in the sewing machine industry. Singer replaced 350 standard parts with silicon chip and then closed its Clydebank factory. National Cash Registers who once had 8,000 employees in four factories now employ 1,000 in two. Mr Davison said that the office workforce, particularly females, will have to face up to the impact of word processors. Gratton Warehouses can now deal with 12,000 letters per employee per day.

He stressed that the Trade Unions are by no means opposed to the adoption of the new technology ('If we wait to adopt it our overseas competitors will'). The TUC/CBI are to issue joint guidelines under the TUC's initiative. The quid pro quo is that the Unions want technological change to be introduced by agreement with full and early consultation.

Aslib Economics and Business Information Group Analysis of membership by location, January 1980.

London and Middlesex	137	Oxfordshire	6
Avon	5	Salop	2
Bedfordshire	3	Staffordshire	2
Berkshire	13	Suffolk	2
Buckinghamshire	7	Surrey	11
Cambridgeshire	3	Sussex	5
Cheshire	4	Tyne and Wear	1
Cleveland	1	Warwickshire	1
Derbyshire	1	West Midlands	12
Devon	2	Yorkshire	10
Dorset	1		
Essex	9	Wales	10
Gloucestershire	1	Scotland	6
Greater Manchester	10		
Hampshire	6		
Hertfordshire	9	Northern Ireland	2
Humberside	2	Eire	3
Kent	5		
Leicestershire	1		
Merseyside	5	Overseas	34
Northamptonshire	2		
Nottinghamshire	3		

Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received and inspected the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

Bibl—1295
Civil Service Department. Central Management Library.
Action research. 1979. 2 pages. £0.30.

Bibl—1296
Civil Service Department. Central Management Library.
Performance appraisal. 1979. 3 pages. £0.40.

Bibl—1297
Civil Service Department. Central Management Library.
Privacy and security in computer systems. 1979. 4 pages. £0.50.

Bibl—1298
House of Commons Library Research Divison.
The choice of the pressurised water reactor: Britain's nuclear power programme. 1979. 8 pages. £0.90.

Bibl—1299
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Employment Bill (Bill 97, 1979—80). 1979. 39 pages. £4.00.

Bibl—1300
House of Commons Library Research Divison.
Health Service Bill (Bill 98, 1979—80). 1979. 12 pages. £1.30.

Bibl—1301
House of Commons Library Research Divison.
Tactical nuclear weapons in Europe. 1979. 5 pages. £0.60.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—1302
Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.
Role of vegetables in transmission of helminths. n.d. 11 pages. n.p.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1303
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Tomatoes for processing 1971—1978. 1979. 291 refs. U.K. £5.50. Overseas £6.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Kent.

Bibl—1304
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Vegetables: drought and water stress 1970—1978. 1979. 205 refs. U.K. £5.50. Overseas £6.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, East Malling, Kent.

Bibl—1305
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Biological properties of soils as affected by organic manuring (1970—1976). 1977. 81 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA1916. U.K. £1.60. Overseas £1.90.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1306
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Molybdenum deficiency in plants (1964—1975). (Supplement to S912R). 1977. 53 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB1917. U.K. £1.50. Overseas £1.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1307
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Nitrogen fertilizer efficiency as affected by organic manuring (1955—1976). 1977. 55 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB1914. U.K. £1.50. Overseas £1.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1308
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Sawdust and bark for composting and mulching (1967—1975). (Supplement to No. 1180). 1977. 32 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB1929. U.K. £1.00. Overseas £1.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1309
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Waste materials of animal origin (except dung and urine) as fertilizers and manures (1950—1976). 1977. 92 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB1915. U.K. £2.50. Overseas £3.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1310
Department of Employment Library.
Employment of women 1914—1918. 1978. 13 pages. Library Checklist: CL 108—1978 (12).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1311
Department of Employment Library.
Homeworkers. 1978. 8 pages. Library Checklist: CL 107—1978 (11).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1312
Department of Employment Library.
Nuclear power — books and pamphlets. 1978. 14 pages. Library Checklist: CL 106—1978 (10).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1313
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on residential child care. 1978. 8 pages. (Supplement to Bibliography Series No. B50).
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1314
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on resource allocation 1975—1978. 1978. 59 refs. Bibliography Series B116.
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1315
Leicestershire Libraries & Information Service. External Services Team.
Education in Leicestershire: a bibliography. 1978. 498 refs. £3.00.
Available from: Librarian, Publications and Public Relations, Leicestershire Libraries and Information Service, Thames Tower, Navigation Street, Leicester LE1 3TZ.

Bibl—1316
North Staffordshire Polytechnic Library. Information Services.
Applications of electromagnetism: a selective bibliography. 1978. 8 pages. NSP/BIB/3 — Suppl.
Available from: The Library, North Staffordshire Polytechnic, Beaconside, Stafford.

Bibl—1317
North Staffordshire Polytechnic Library. Information Services.
OMEGA navigation system: a selected list of references. 1978. 13 pages. NSP/BIB/8.
Available from: The Library, North Staffordshire Polytechnic, Beaconside, Stafford.

EVENTS

ASIS–80 – Communicating information

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) to be held in Anaheim, Calif., 5–10 October, 1980. The theme for the Conference – Communicating information – covers such topics as electronic messaging, organizational communication, communication technologies, and innovative dissemination. ASIS–80 will be held at the Disneyland Hotel. Papers and panels by key experts in all areas of information communication will be featured. More than 100 vendors of information and communication products, services, and systems will exhibit their wares in the Disneyland Hotel Convention Center.

For further information on ASIS–80, contact: Edward Kazlauskas, Conference Chairperson, School of Library Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90007; or ASIS Headquarters, 1010 Sixteenth St., Washington, DC 20036.

A data library for the social sciences: a workshop on the SSRC Survey Archive

The SSRC Survey Archive is a utility for the dissemination of computer retrievable and computer analysable social data files. Now thirteen years old, the Survey Archive has a growing collection of data files of interest to researchers into British social phenomena. These data files are deposited for reanalysis by research workers in the academic, commercial and, increasingly, government sectors. A one day workshop will be held in London on Friday, 27 June, 1980 to introduce its functions to other professionals in the information field.

The programme has been arranged to provide a comprehensive overview of the operation of a library dedicated exclusively to the acquisition, storage and dissemination of computerised data files. The topics to be discussed include:

1. Relation of archive data holdings to printed books.
2. Acquisition and scope of available data.
3. Access to Survey Archive holdings.
4. International links among social data archives.
5. Technical aspects of a computer-oriented data library.
6. Patterns of use of Survey Archive data.
7. Future developments.

Registration fee, which includes lunch, will be £6, and attendance is limited to 50 to facilitate an exchange of ideas and experiences among participants.

For further details, please contact: Workshop Organizer, SSRC Survey Archive, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex CO4 3SQ.

NOTES

EEC promotion of information systems

Following the call by the Commission of the European Communities for proposals to promote new databases (see *Aslib Information*, January 1980), over 260 proposals have been received for 'value-added' services which provide factual or numeric data for direct use or which enhance the information through analysis, evaluation, synthesis or repackaging.

Proposals have been received not only from established companies but also from newcomers who would like to add information supply to their range of activities. Proposers include small and medium-sized enterprises as well as large industry, universities and non-profit making organizations.

Ex-Aslib consulting staff

Judith Collins and Ruth Finer, now operating independently as consultants in information management, have just been awarded a research contract by IFLA. The project, which is funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, is a comparative study of national acquisition policies and systems, and is part of IFLA's UAP (Universal Availability of Publications) Programme.

Work has already started and will be phased over a period of twelve months. The project will be based in the UK, and will be undertaken from 6 Primrose Gardens, London NW3 4TN.

SLA/ASIS cooperative programs

The SLA Board of Directors has approved a joint SLA/ASIS program that allows members of either association to register at the other association's annual conferences at member rates. This cooperation is seen as a boon to the members of SLA and ASIS during the next several years when the meetings of the two associations will be held in geographically diverse cities.

In an effort to eliminate duplication of effort and to reduce costs to both SLA and ASIS, the SLA Board also approved the development of a plan for the reciprocal exchange of continuing education programs. It is expected that the first exchange will occur in October 1980 through the offering of SLA continuing education courses at the 1980 ASIS Annual Conference. The action of the SLA Board provides that courses given through such exchanges will be available to members of both associations at the established member enrollment fee.

The ASIS Board of Directors has taken similar actions to confirm the establishment of these cooperative programs.

The CIS Software Series

The Central Information Service of the University of London are in the process of developing a series of interactive simulation programs, using the Commodore PET microcomputer, which will teach various aspects of online searching of bibliographic data bases. The first two programs in this series are now available.

1. *DIALOG with PET*

This is a four part, interactive, self-teaching program which introduces DIALOG, the command language used by Lockheed Information Systems. It is designed for people with no experience of using DIALOG but will be equally useful to people wishing to revise their knowledge of the language.

2. *Search Strategy*

This is a self-teaching program in 3 parts that teaches search strategy design for online bibliographic information retrieval systems using Boolean logic. It is intended for people with no experience of online searching and is designed to illustrate the basic concepts of search strategy design independent of the different command languages used by different systems.

Each program is supplied with a booklet which gives full instructions for operating the program tapes on the PET as well as accompanying the program itself and providing additional information where necessary.

The programs are, at present, available on cassettes only, and for use with the Commodore PET microcomputer. However, it may be possible to arrange for the programs to be supplied on floppy disks or suitable for use on another microcomputer, e.g. APPLE. Enquiries about these possibilities should be directed to CIS. Each program package (cassettes and booklet) costs £30.

For further details contact: Mrs A. Vickery, C.I.S., Room 504, Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU.

Butterworths launch LEXIS in UK

A computer-based legal research service to speed the work of British lawyers and accountants was launched in London on 2 March by Butterworths, the legal publishers.

The new service, known as LEXIS, was launched in the United States seven years ago by Mead Data Central of New York. It is a full-text retrieval system which is interactive and enables the practising lawyer, using a desk-top terminal linked by satellite to a computer in Dayton, Ohio, to locate information rapidly.

The initial database consists of 100 million words and contains the full texts of all English cases reported in the main series of law reports since 1945. In addition English subscribers will have immediate access to 3,000 million words of American law.

For futher information please contact Kyle Bosworth at Butterworth (Telepublishing) Ltd, 4–5 Bell Yard, Temple Bar, London, WC2A 2JR, 01 405 9691 (day) or 01 272 5880 (evenings).

The Cuts again

The COI has for many years facilitated the display and distribution of British technical and specialized magazines at overseas exhibitions and trade fairs by selecting suitable titles, obtaining copies from publishers, and despatching them to the overseas venue, usually through the British Embassy or High Commission in the country concerned. This service is among those that have now to be withdrawn as a result of the manpower economies in the Civil Service decided on by the Government.

Publishers wishing to take the initiative in themselves continuing to secure such publicity can ascertain the dates and organizers of British trade promotions overseas from the quarterly list published in 'Trade and Industry' (also known as 'British Business'), obtainable from HMSO. The British Overseas Trade Board (01-248 5757 ext 239) may also be consulted with specific enquiries.

The Catalogue of Technical and Specialized Periodicals, hitherto produced annually for use by overseas booksellers, subscription agents and libraries, will not appear after the 1980 edition.

PUBLICATIONS

British and European Publishers' Catalogues Annual on microfiche

This new reference tool for librarians and booksellers brings together for the first time in one compact and orderly sequence the catalogues of British and European book publishers.

Totalling 80,000 pages it is perhaps the largest current bibliography ever to have been published and includes the descriptive catalogues and trade lists of over 1,000 publishers from 18 countries.

British and European Publishers' Catalogues is available every November. A supplement of publishers' catalogues produced between November and June is available every July at no additional charge.

The yearly price for British and European Publishers' Catalogues is $495.00 (£230). The option of ordering *only* the British Publishers' Catalogues at $275 (£120) or *only* European Publishers' Catalogues at $410 (£200) is available.

Further information from: Chadwyck-Healey Ltd., 20 Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8DT.

European Digest

The European Community exercises a growing influence over the activities of local government. In response to demand for an informative guide to the volume of material emanating from the Community, the Greater London Council Research Library has produced the European Digest. Official reports, journals and newspapers are scanned and relevant items are presented in a readable format with full references to enable further research.

The success of the digest has led to it being made available on a subscription basis, at a cost of £20 a year from 1 April 1980, for 12 monthly issues. Single issues will cost £2.00. Orders should be placed with the GLC Bookshop, County Hall, London SE1 7PB.

Small Business Bibliography

A Small Business Bibliography has been published by the London Business School. It is the joint work of their Institute of Small Business and Library.

The book is a collection of references to works primarily directed at issues facing characteristically small business. Almost 2,700 references to works of some 1,700 authors are included, the majority of which appeared during the 1970s. In addition to a comprehensive subject classification scheme (96 subdivisions of 14 chapters), the type of publication is indicated for each reference, and there is an index to all named authors.

The bibliography is priced at £47.00 and subscribers will automatically receive cross-referenced updating supplements at intervals of approximately nine months prior to anticipated publication of a complete second edition in 1982.

The subject classification scheme covers both operational and strategic small business issues, as well as broader economic considerations. It should prove an invaluable reference source not only for academics, but also for anyone involved in providing information and advice to the small business sector, and indeed, to many small businessmen themselves.

Further details available from: Mr Philip Dowell, London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA, Tel: 01-262-5050.

'Desk Bound'

The London Business School (LBS) has launched a tape–slide package on using libraries.

People working on fact-finding projects often fail to start with library desk research – finding out what is already known. Their first impulse is to rush off to collect new data. The 15 minute LBS package, called 'Desk Bound', aims to rectify this by prompting individuals to clarify their information needs and to find out what in the library can meet them.

'Desk Bound', in a light style, tells the story of a young researcher doing a project on the glassware industry. Luckily for him, someone forces him to start off in the library, which saves him from a lot of wasted effort when he then does his field research.

LBS first produced 'Desk Bound' for use on its own courses for graduates and experienced managers. The package went down so well that it also attracted wide outside interest among librarians, and was bought by over 25 organizations who heard about it 'on the grapevine'. So LBS have now produced a second edition, which is being publicised more widely.

The price is £50.00 + £1.50 p & p (UK and Eire) £3.00 (Overseas) for a package comprising 74 35mm colour slides, a 15 minute pulsed sound-trace on cassette, and a User's Guide. For use on synchronised tape–slide systems, with cassette deck and automatic slide projector.

For further information, call Patrick Barwise or Ken Vernon on 01-262 5050 or write to them at the London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA.

Current Awareness List

*All the items listed are recent additions to the Aslib Library and are available from the Library — books on loan and articles as photocopies at £0.10 a page + VAT (or one BLLD form per article). Please quote item number on requests. Items marked * are for reference only, but Aslib publications may be purchased from the Publications Sales Department. Material is arranged in the following broad subject categories.*

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Aslib Annual Lecture

by JOHN MADDOX
Director, The Nuffield Foundation, and
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Wednesday, 11 June 1980
18.00 (Tea from 17.15)

The Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1

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The lecture will deal with the principal question of the extent to which non-specialist (not always scientists) are able to make use of specialist data from disciplines other than their own in coming to decisions about public policy; and with the subsidiary questions of how best information of scientific matters in particular should be presented to non-specialist decision makers so as to help them to more confident decisions.

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From Christ Church, Oxford, and King's College, London, he embarked on a teaching career at Manchester University in 1949. In 1955 journalism claimed him – he was Scientific Correspondent of the *Guardian* until 1964. As Assistant Director of the Nuffield Foundation (1964–66) he was Co-ordinator of the Foundation Science Teaching Project. With Macmillan (1966–73) he was Editor of *Nature*, Managing Director of Macmillan Journals (1970–72) and a Director of Macmillan (1968–73). He was Chairman of Maddox Editorial Ltd (1972–74). He is a member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, of the Genetic Manipulation Advisory Group and the British Library Advisory Council (all since 1976) and of the Council on International Development (since 1977).

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4/7 Mon/Fri — Aslib (with LA) Audiovisual Group Annual Study School and Conference: The exploitation of audio-visual materials in libraries
Loughborough University of Technology
Contact: Peter Liebscher, Open University Library, Walton Hill, Milton Keynes
Tel. 0908 63530

8 Tues 14.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group: Agricultural information and EURONET
Science Reference Library, Bayswater Division, 10 Porchester Gardens, London W2
Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, Wills Library, Guy's Hospital Medical School, London Bridge, London SE1

11 Fri 11.00 — Transport and Planning Group Meeting by Dr Helen Forde and Visit to the Conservation Department
Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew
Contact: Miss L. Partington, Room P3/183, DOE/DTP Library Services, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1
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13 Mon — Aslib Course: Microforms in Libraries
NRCd, Hertford
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15 Wed 14.30 — Biological & Agricultural Sciences Group Visit
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15 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Government Publishing — HMSO Plans for the 80's, by H. C. Dashfield
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11/12 Thurs/Fri — Chemical Group Course: The Chemical Industry
Polytechnic of the South Bank
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15/19 Mon/Fri — Aslib/Institute of Information Scientists/Library Association Joint Conference
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Lord Kearton: President of Aslib

At the Annual General Meeting of Aslib on 11 June, the name of Lord Kearton FRS was presented by Council for appointment as President of Aslib. He succeeds Sir Alastair Pilkington FRS whose two-year term of office as President ended that day.

Lord Kearton was recently Chairman and Chief Executive of the British National Oil Corporation and a member of the boards of CEGB, the Atomic Energy Authority and Hill Samuel Group. He was formerly Chairman of Courtaulds Ltd and has been a member of the Council of the Royal Society of the Advisory Council on Technology and of NEDC. He is a former president of the Society of the Chemical Industry.

Aslib/IIS/Library Association Joint Conference and Exhibition: The nationwide provision and use of information
15–19 September 1980, City Hall, Sheffield

Soon after the appearance of this issue – in mid August – the handbook to the Joint Conference and Exhibition will be sent to all those, delegates and exhibitors, who plan to attend. It will reveal a programme of great wealth and variety, with plenary sessions looking at information provision; user needs, wants and demands; changes and constraints; and policies for the future; and parallel sessions examining more specialized aspects of the main theme. Professor Saunders has chosen as the title of the Opening Address – which is also the LA Presidential Address – 'Information, the "unscarce" resource' and the distinguished array of speakers in the plenary and parallel sessions include Monty Hyams, Derwent Publications; Professor J. D. Cornford, Outer Circle Policy Unit; Justin Dukes, *Financial Times*; Neil Macfarlane, Under Secretary of State at the Office of Arts and Libraries; Max Broome, Hertfordshire County Librarian; D. J. Foskett, Goldsmith's Librarian.

The three organizations have fielded no less than ten Group sessions, which once again have provided an opportunity for co-operation, with Aslib making a highly creative contribution. The Social Sciences Information Group joins with the LA Branch and Mobile Libraries Group in a workshop – under the chairmanship of Patricia Layzell Ward – on community information services. With the LA Industrial Group, AEBIG is taking a look at the availability and exploitation of business information north of Watford and the problems in general of providing business information in the provinces. The Aslib Computer Group sees the new technology as fraught with both problems and opportunity and seeks to stimulate discussion among managers of large libraries about the implications for them of this development and their needs for decision making strategies. Research, education, the needs of young people, international and comparative aspects and local studies are all being taken care of by Library Association Groups, and the Society of Indexers with the LA Cataloguing and Indexing Group asks whether the index is an access or barrier to information.

The exhibition has long been fully booked and many familiar faces will be there. As the home of both the bars, it should prove one of the focal points of the conference, for business and pleasure combined. For socializing, there are the Welcome Receptions (buffet dinner with wine) in the Halls of Residence on the first night; the Civic Reception on 16 September – and those who remember the Sheffield Conference in 1972 will be confident about this – and the Conference Banquet on 17 September. A corner of the mystery has been lifted from the Institute's surprise package, Infotainment, which is described as a cabaret-eye view of information and the information profession – with a bar!

It is never too late to book – unless by the time you read this all the places have gone. Your contact: The Aslib/IIS/LA Joint Conference Organizer, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

TECHNICAL TRANSLATION GROUP/TRANSLATORS' GUILD OF INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTS

Machine aids for translators: a conference and exhibition
20 November 1980, Kensington Close Hotel, London W8

The aim of this conference and exhibition is to inform translators, both freelance and in organizations, and those who are responsible for translation departments, of the many ways in which the proliferating new technologies can be exploited to improve their performance and productivity.

A logical sequel to the successful Translating and the Computer conference in November 1978, Machine aids for translators will give a broad review of what is currently available, seeking to make some judgment between what is offered and its comparative value for money. This will include an overall view of machine aids by A. D. Stiegler, Application Programming Techniques Ltd, followed by the personal experiences of a freelance translator, Robert Clark, in exploiting the potential of machine aids. Pauline Duckitt of the Wellcome Foundation will talk about translating and online, suggesting how the translator could make use of online information retrieval systems now and in the future; how it can be done, what equipment is needed, what information is available and the cost. Professor Sager's team at UMIST has recently undertaken a feasibility study of the establishment of a terminological data bank in the UK. John McNaught, who has been deeply involved with this, thinks that the peculiar status of English as a world language underlines the importance of ensuring that Britain has a measure of control over the development of English terminology. He will stress the need for a term bank in the UK and describe a model term bank for a British market. Finally Peter Arthern will describe from his own experience in the EEC Translation Department the scope of machine aids in a large organization, hopefully followed by a demonstration with the equipment concerned.

The exhibition, running concurrently with and following the sessions, will provide an invaluable opportunity to study and compare the various facilities when the assessment of their scope and potential is fresh in participants' minds.

A programme and registration form were distributed in June. Contact: the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

TRANSPORT AND PLANNING GROUP

Two dates for your diary – they appear in the Calendar this month. A one-day meeting on Information for Urban and Regional Planning has been arranged jointly with the Reference, Special and Information Section of the Library Association and will be held at 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1, on Thursday, 6 November. Mrs Brenda White of Capital Planning Information has agreed to speak; Mrs Gay Scott, European officer with the GLC, will be looking at the subject with her 'European' eye and speakers have also been invited from DOE/DTP. A Cordon-bleu trained firm will provide a three-course lunch with wine.

Energy for planning and transport will be the subject of a two-day meeting from 14–16 April 1981, to be held at York University, with visits to the Railway Museum and other places of interest. Your contact for further information is Miss L. Partington, Room P3/183, DOE/DTP, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EE.

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RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY NEWS

The future shape and size of the library/information profession is a subject offering much scope for speculation and research. In the early part of last year, *Margaret Slater* carried out a preliminary study of manpower planning and forecasting practices in occupations other than librarianship and information science. This generated ideas for other more specific projects, one of which (due for completion by the time this item appears) is a study aimed at establishing tentative staff-to-user ratios for industrial and commercial library/information services. An obvious hazard in such a project is the definition of what constitutes a user, and in this case both actual and potential users will be taken into consideration. It is hoped that the results of this survey will provide useful guidelines for use by individual managers, as well as input to national forecasting and planning effort.

Another project from the same stable is *Tony Wight*'s study of the impact of new technology and its implications for library and information manpower planning. The purpose of this project is to identify technological developments that could influence our profession's future shape, nature, goals and opportunities. In particular, it will examine systematically a number of scenarios, including those in which libraries, and library/information workers, might be displaced by automated services or devices.

Bob Winfield is busy compiling a directory of microcomputer software suitable for library and information service applications. Later in the year, he will be working on a British Library study, the objectives of which are to design, install and test a microcomputer-based IR package as a means of teaching secondary school pupils the basic principles of computer-based information retrieval.

Our last coverage in these pages (October 1979) included a brief report on our two projects relating to viewdata — one on Prestel as a public library reference tool, the other on Prestel as a medium for providing access to community information. Both of these are now nearing completion, and *Catherine Sullivan* and *David Oliver* are drafting the final reports, together with a guidance manual on conversion of information into Prestel files. British Library approval has been obtained for further research on Prestel through till April 1981.

Peter Taylor has recently completed and reported on an analysis of the characteristics of printed subject bibliographies in the UK over the past five years.

Peter Lynam has been carrying out a study of the dissemination of research results to library and information science practitioners.

John Martyn completed an evaluation of services provided by Leicestershire Libraries and Information Services, primarily to local government officials and council members. His main current commitment is an evaluation of the INFOTERRA system for environmental information. He is also doing other evaluation work for the CEC, and directing a specially commissioned reader survey for the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux. For this latter project, the actual research and data analysis has been conducted by *Blaise Cronin* and *Glenda Rousseau.*

To complete this varied range of research activities, *Peter Vickers* has been investigating common problems of documentary information transfer, storage and retrieval in industrial organizations. This project calls for detailed examination of the various kinds of information system needed to support each function in a sample of industrial firms.

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European Chapter of ASIS

On 9 April 1980 an informal meeting was held at IEE to discuss the formation of a UK or European Chapter of the American Society for Information Science. The meeting was arranged by Dr. Toni Carbo Bearman, a Councillor of ASIS, now working in England.

21 people attended the meeting and another 23 had expressed an interest in formation of the Chapter although unable to attend. There are 138 ASIS members in Europe, 28 of whom are members of the already existing North European Chapter. In view of this, three alternatives were discussed: 1) a single European Chapter, including the North European Chapter; 2) a European Chapter, excluding the North European; 3) a UK Chapter.

It was concluded that a single European Chapter would probably be most effective. Dr. Kjell Samuelson, Chairman of the North European Chapter, welcomes the suggestion and will report later on the result of discussions within the Chapter.

A Chapter Formation Steering Committee was formed at the meeting to progress the subject: Committee Members are George Bunce (Chairman), Toni Carbo Bearman (Secretary), and Christopher Larson (Newsletter and Membership).

If appropriate, another meeting will be arranged, probably to coincide with the joint Aslib/IIS/LA Conference in September 1980.

Institute of Information Scientists 1980 Annual Conference
College of Librarianship Wales, Aberystwyth, 16—18 April 1980

Some 130 delegates attended the 1980 annual conference of the Institute of Information Scientists at CLW in April. Entitled 'Running the information service today and tomorrow', the conference aimed to deal with the practicalities of information work and *almost* succeeded in avoiding introspection about 'our role in the microchip society' and 'what shall we call ourselves'.

Sandwiched between two 'prestige' conferences at the Imperial Hotel Torquay and in the same year as the joint Aslib/IIS/LA Conference at Sheffield, this fairly low-key conference attracted rather more practitioners and teachers and rather fewer salesmen and brokers than of late — and in no way suffered because of this.

The keynote paper was presented by Tony Kent of the Chemical Society and gave a supplier's-eye view of the user's needs. The general problem appeared to be the discrepancy between the generalized requirements of the archival function of a large data base and the complex and highly subjective needs of the user for problem-solving information. The only tentative solution proposed was yet another level of intermediary. . .

Session 2, 'Resources and objectives' opened with Shirley Lowndes' paper on 'Setting the information service in the context of management needs'. Illustrated with excellent and amusing slides, this paper gave a telling example of how we must adapt to the prevailing situation and provide the service required rather than insist on 'doing our own thing' regardless.

Judith Collins then discussed 'Staffing: the requirements for the job', reviewing the folklore and politics of information units on the basis of case histories in her experience as a consultant. Case histories were also used to illustrate her 2nd theme of the staff recruitment process. The paper concluded with a look at career development.

Alan Blick opened Session 3, 'Service and the user' with a list of priorities for different sized industrial units. This list provoked much further discussion, most people agreeing that customer liaison came top of the list (although what use is liaison if there is no back-up service?), but querying the placing of special and reports collections above current awareness and retrospective searching. Andy Exon of CRUS then gave authoritative guidelines for carrying out a user study.

Session 4, 'Service and new technology', was the first to approach the topic of mechanization. Sheila Pantry described how computers expanded and enhanced the library service at the Health & Safety Executive, Sheffield, and Philip Williams indicated the wide range of technology available to information units now and in the future.

The 'future' theme was continued in Session 5. Don Lewis gave only a brief outline of his 34-page paper 'Today's challenge — tomorrow's choice'. His 'Doomsday scenario Mk 2' was unique in being mentioned several times in general discussion before its actual presentation.

A user's viewpoint was presented by Dr. A. J. Kennedy, who described what he as a research scientist wants from an information service.

A practical demonstration of the shape-memory effect gave an example of a type of new product and the information problems connected with it.

Friday morning was devoted to Monte Hyams' presidential address entitled 'Does British industry make the most of information?' Well supported by statistics, this surveyed the varying levels of information consciousness of the European countries and the different industries and once again stressed the need for information scientists to adapt to changing situations.

Peter Vickers then summarized the papers and Cyril Cleverdon chaired a general discussion session unremarkable but for his own scathing attack on the panicmongers of the doomsday group.

The remote and attractively landscaped CLW campus, further enhanced by the impressive displays of pot-plants, provided an idyllic setting and its compactness made the more than adequate breaks opportunities for real discussion. Don Mason was a genial host.

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Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for this section to: Paul Neville, Industrial Affairs Specialist, BBC, Broadcasting House, Room 2, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA. Tel: 01 580 4468 ex. 4398.

Annual General Meeting

The Group held its A.G.M. on 12 May at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Some 70 members attended and after lunch were addressed by our guest speaker, Robert Fell, Chief Executive of the Stock Exchange.

The new committee for 1980/81 is as follows:—

Nigel Oxbrow (*Chairman*): Alan Armstrong Ltd.
John Cox (*Treasurer*): Librarian, Chestertons, London EC4.
Christine Miskin (*Secretary*): Linklaters & Paines.
Paul Neville (*Editor AEBIG news*): Industrial Affairs Specialist, BBC.
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Peter Page: Market Administration Officer, Guinness Overseas Ltd.
Tessa Perry: Head of Library Services, National Enterprise Board, London SW1.
David Rigglesford: Resource Librarian, Industrial Relations Training Resource Centre, Ashridge Management College, Berkhamstead, Herts.
Sylvia Webb: College Librarian, Ashridge Management College.

AGM Agenda Item

For those not present at the AGM, the following questions were circulated during the meeting. The committee would still be interested in hearing members' views.

The committee has been giving considerable thought over the last few years to the annual programme of events. We would like to hear your views on what you would like. Below is a list of some of the issues we would like to get your thoughts on:—

1. Do you think the balance of visits and meetings is about right?
2. Would you prefer more afternoon meetings?
3. Do you like one speaker or do you prefer forums?
4. Should we hold more meetings out of London? If so where and is anyone local prepared to help run them?
5. Do you think meetings should be free or a charge made? If so on which meetings and how much?
6. Do you like the increase in social type evenings with wine and cheese?
7. Do you think we should hold the occasional proper training meeting?
8. Would you like to see us co-operate more with Aslib Education Dept., to run proper courses? If so, on what subjects?
9. Have you any suggestions for places you would like us to arrange visits to?
10. Have you any suggested topics for afternoon/evening meetings?
11. Would you like to see us co-operate more with other groups and run joint meetings?
12. Have you any other ideas of what you would like us to do as a group?

Registry of Business Names

The following letter written by Gillian Dare, when still chairman of AEBIG, recently appeared in the *Financial Times*.

From the Honorary Chairman, Aslib Economic and Business Group.

Sir, — On behalf of the business information community, I would like to add our voice to those campaigning against the proposed closure of the Registry of Business Names. The Registry resulted from a need to protect the public from unscrupulous or fraudulent companies and the legal requirement to register the names of a company and to make this register available to the public, is of invaluable benefit. Without the Registry on which to fall back, the public would have no safeguard. Many of us would like to see the information held by the Registry kept up-to-date and perhaps an automatic cut-off date of five years. If a company does not re-register in that time. In this way we may be able to ensure the information held in the Registry is accurate.

(Miss) Gillian Dare.
3 Belgrave Square, SW1.

New Editor

Please note that in future material for inclusion in this page should be sent to Paul Neville at the address given on page 155. I should like to thank all past contributors for their help during my editorship and hope you will keep Paul well supplied with your news and opinions. Megan Thomas.

Companies House Users' Group Committee

Gillian Dare also wrote to D. B. Nottage, Register of Companies Registration Office, requesting that a AEBIG representative should be a member of the Users' Group Committee. This is an extract from Mr. Nottage's reply:

I am very conscious of the role of libraries in disseminating information, including that for which I am responsible, and have had many useful discussions with your members over the last few years. Whilst I am therefore sympathetic to your request, I feel that I must point out that the Group as at present constituted represents a considerable diversity of interests and, in those aspects which relate to the search service, primarily covers organizations which act as intermediaries. In that respect it might be argued that your interests are already covered. I have to bear in mind, moreover, the need to keep the meetings in manageable proportions and to recognize that if I were to accede to your requests I would have to also reconsider earlier proposals that other groups should be represented.

In the circumstances, therefore, I would prefer not to enlarge the Group at the present time but would be prepared to reconsider this if, either by act of policy or by natural development, libraries came to play a more identifiable role within the public search service.

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Bibl—1344
House of Commons Library Research Division.
The British Steel Corporation and steel industry. 1980. 18 pages. £1.90.

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House of Commons Library Research Division.
Finniston inquiry into the engineering profession. 1980. 56 refs. £0.80.

Bibl—1346
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Housing Bill (Bill 109, Session 1979—80) and the Tenants' Rights etc. (Scotland) Bill (Bill 92, Session 1979—80). 1980. 127 refs. £2.40.

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Bibl—1347
Bodleian Library. Official Papers.
Bibliographic sources of official publications not published by HMSO. 1980. 16 pages.
Available, free of charge, upon application together with a large (c. 9" X 11") stamped addressed envelope to Official Papers, Radcliffe Camera, Bodleian Library, Oxford, OX1 3BG.

Bibl—1348
Chartered Insurance Institute Library.
Selected bibliography on marine insurance. 1978. 14 pages.
Available from: Chartered Insurance Institute Library, 20 Aldermanbury, London, EC2V 7HY.

Bibl—1349
City of London Polytechnic.
Media resources in French for lecturers. 1978. 10 pages. £1.00.
Available from: Library and Learning Resources, City of London Polytechnic, Calcutta House Precinct, Old Castle Street, London, E1 7NT.

Bibl—1350
City of London Polytechnic.
Media resources on developing countries for lecturers. 1978. 19 pages £1.00.
Available from: Library and Learning Resources, City of London Polytechnic, Calcutta House Precinct, Old Castle Street, London, E1 7NT.

Bibl—1351
COCHE, A. G.
The cultivation of fish in cages: a general bibliography. 1978. 43 pages. FAO Fisheries Circular No. 714.
Available from: Fisheries Branch Library, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Via delle terme de Caracalla, Rome 00100, Italy.

Bibl—1352
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Chemical determination of halogens in soil and plant material (1965—1977). 1977. 58 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1927. U.K. £1.50. Overseas £1.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1353
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Cobalt in plant nutrition and plant metabolism (1956—1976). 1977. 89 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB 1926. U.K. £2.50. Overseas £3.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1354
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Determination of enzymes in soil (1968—1976). (Supplement to 1239R). 1977. 56 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1928. U.K. £1.50. Overseas £1.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1355
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Non-legume symbiotic nitrogen fixation (1970—1977). 1977. 46 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1925. U.K. £1.50. Overseas £1.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1356
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of Benin and Togo (1949—1976). 1977. 26 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG 1924. U.K. £1.00. Overseas £1.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1357
Departments of the Environment and Transport Library.
Community Land Act: a select list of material relating to the Community Land Act and the Development Land Tax Act. 1978. 223 refs. Bibliography No. 199. £0.95.
Available from: Departments of the Environment and Transport Library, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1358
International Bee Research Association.
The Asiatic hive bee Apis cerana. 1978. 193 refs. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 11. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1359
International Bee Research Association.
Beekeeping in Asia east of India. 1978. 112 refs. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 4. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 0NR.

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Beekeeping in the Indian sub-continent (with Afghanistan and Iran). 1978. 166 refs. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 3. £3.00. (£2.00 to Members of IBRA and individuals in developing countries).
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Bibl—1361
International Bee Research Association.
The giant honeybee Apis dorsata. 1978. 100 refs. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 12. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1362
International Bee Research Association.
Honey standards, laws and regulations (world-wide). 1977. 16 pages. IBRA Bibliography No. 19. £2.50 (50% discount to IBRA Members).
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International Bee Research Association.
The little honeybee Apis florea. 1978. 117 refs. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 13. £3.00. (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
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Available from: International Organization of Consumers Union, 9 Emmastraat, 2595 EG The Hague, Netherlands.

Bibl—1365
International Organization of Consumers Unions.
Energy crisis bibliography. 1979. 28 pages.
Available from: International Organization of Consumers Unions, 9 Emmastraat, 2595 EG The Hague, Netherlands.

Bibl—1366
International Organization of Consumers Unions.
Food crisis bibliography. 1979. 21 pages.
Available from: International Organization of Consumers Unions, 9 Emmastraat, 2595 EG The Hague, Netherlands.

Bibl—1367
KOPINSKI, Edward.
A partially annotated bibliography of commercially exploited scallops (Pectinidae, Rafinesque 1815). 1978. 158 pages. FAO Fisheries Circular No. 716.
Available from: Fisheries Branch Library, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Via delle terme de Caracalla, Rome 00100, Italy.

Bibl—1368
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.
Noise in industry: a basic reading list. 3rd edition. 1980. 23 pages. Library Bibliography No. 4. £2.00 cash with order.
Available from: The Library, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Cannon House, The Priory, Queensway, Birmingham B4 6BS.

EVENTS

Minis, micros and terminals:

This conference is being organized jointly by members of the British Computer Society and the Institue of Information Scientists, and will be held at the National Computing Centre, Manchester, 6–7 November, 1980.

On the first day the papers will review the present capabilities of minis, micros and terminals and introduce delegates to the problems and possibilities of small computer systems. On the second day, speakers with practical experience will discuss their own applications of minis, micros and terminals in the Library and Information Department environment. There will be an exhibition on the second day of the Conference.

Further details will be available shortly from the Conference Secretary; Ms E. Rinaldi, Fluor (GB) Ltd., Fluor House, 501 Chester Rd., Manchester, M16 9HW.

LAA-NZIA Conference 1981

The Library Association of Australia and the New Zealand Library Association will hold a combined Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand, from 18–23 January, 1981. The theme of the Conference is SHARING, and speakers have been invited from overseas to consider common problems and solutions, with an emphasis on sharing resources and ideas. Invited speakers include Richard de Gennaro, Director of Libraries, University of Pennsylvania, Miles Jackson, Professor of Library Science, University of Hawaii, and Denis Richardson, University Librarian, University of Melbourne. For further information, contact Mrs Dorothea Brown, Convener, LAA-NZIA Conference 1981 Committee, P.O. Box 29037, Fendalton, Christchurch, New Zealand.

New LITA institue on serials automation

'Automated Serials Control' the first institute on the subject since 1975, will be held on 4–5 September 1980, at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, WI. The two-day institute will be sponsored by the Library and Information Technology Association, a division of the American Library Association.

The institue will cover all aspects of serials automation and will include conversion projects such as CONSER, bibliographic control, acquisitions, checkin, fiscal and subscription control, vendor systems, and new developments in the field since 1975.

For more information contact LITA/ALA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611, or call (312) 944 6780, extension 302.

Institute of food science and technology

The annual symposium which is entitled 'Composition, Safety and Processing of Food – The Desirability of Change' will be held at St. John's College, Cambridge from 3–5 September, 1980. A social programme will be organized for delegates' spouses on 3 and 4 September. Further details are available from Mr. A. Hobson-Frohock, ARC Food Research Institute, Colney Lane, Norwich, NR4 7UA.

The electronic librarian

Electronic equipment of one description or another features in several of the short courses being offered by the College of Librarianship Wales in August and September this year. An Introduction to On-line Systems and Services will be presented by popular demand, for the third time this year, from 15–18 September. On this occasion the course will be directed by Andy Large. The main objectives of 'Training through AV', directed by Ron Edwards and Tony Thompson, 4–9 August, will be to examine methods of analysing training needs and the design and production of AV aids to support and enhance training programmes. Bob Williams, who is directing 'Dealing with Media', 8–12 September, will be concerned with the practicalities of handling a wide range of non-book media in libraries and information units.

CLW's Director of Media Services, Tom Evans, is the director of the course 'Video in Education and Training'. This is intended for all those using television in any sphere of education and training, and will be held 4–6 September.

Full details of all CLW Short Courses can be obtained from the Director of Short Courses at the College.

MARC coding: a practical course

A one-day short course will be organized by the School of Librarianship, the Polytechnic of North London on Wednesday 8 October, 1980.

The course aims to teach cataloguers and other interested librarians how to draft cataloguing data in Marc-coded form. Monographs, non-book materials and serials will be treated in the practical sessions. A rudimentary knowledge of cataloguing will be assumed, but no previous understanding of Marc format is required. The revised *UK MARC Manual* will be used for the practical sessions. Participants will be asked to bring their own copies.

The course organizer is Ellen Gredley and further details are available from: The Secretary, Short Courses, The School of Librarianship, The Polytechnic of North London, 207–225 Essex Road, London N1 3PN.

Cataloguing and Indexing Group in Scotland

'New directions in classification'. This one day school will be held at the National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh, on 17 September. Speakers include: Douglas Anderson, David Andrews, Arthur Maltby. Further details from: G. Jones, Department of Librarianship, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, G1 1XH.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Information for Designers

The Fifth Conference in the series INFORMATION FOR DESIGNERS is to be held at the University of Southampton, England, from 15 to 17 July, 1981. This very successful series of Conferences focusses on the special information needs of the Designer and has proved beneficial to engineers and others with a technical design interest. The Conference is concerned with the ways in which information is provided to the Designer and the available services. The theme for 1981 will be: 'Design information: this is what we do and this is what we provide'.

The organizers welcome proposals for papers concerned with the day to day provision of design information in industry, particularly those which have been developed or have evolved within a company together with design information services available to industry. Further information is available from: Dr G. Pitts, Design Group, Department of Mechanical Engineering, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH, England.

International study congress

The Istituto per la documentazione giuridica of the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche promotes the organization of an international study congress on the theme 'Logic, Informatics, Law' which will be held in Florence from 6–10 April, 1981.

The Congress aims at investigating the relations between the everyday work of the legal profession, the main results of formal logic disciplines and the applications of advanced informatics. Those who intend to present papers or communications at the Congress are asked to contact the Organizational Committee of the Congress. The papers and communications are to be written in Italian, French or English and reach the Institute by 15 September, 1980. Further information from: Istituto per la documentazione giuridica, Via Panciatichi, 56/16 – 50127 Florence, Italy.

NOTES

DATA-STAR

A new European online service — DATA-STAR — is announced by Radio-Suisse Ltd., in collaboration with Predicasts International and Bibliographic Retrieval Services Inc. DATA-STAR is to start in the autumn with at least ten major world databases in chemicals, biology, social sciences, marketing and business. The project is funded entirely by Radio Suisse Ltd. and Bibliographic Retrieval Systems Inc. of New York, one of the two top information supply services in the USA, will supply the software. Marketing, training and customer services will be provided by Predicasts International Inc. from offices in the United Kingdom, France, West Germany and Switzerland.

At present, negotiations are still in progress with several database producers, but DATA-STAR is currently talking to producers of the following databases amongst others: Biosis, Excerpta Medica, Inspec, NTIS, Chemical Abstracts, Management Contents, Predicasts. All these databases will be offered at rates below existing services. This service will start on Euronet in the Autumn of 1980. By special arrangement users are able to access the complete service immediately on a back-up system.

Further details can be obtained from: Valerie Palmer, DATA-STAR, 199/201 High Street, Orpington, BR6 0PF, UK; tel: 0689 38488. Telex: 898239.

Training in patents

A lecturer at Newcastle Polytechnic has been awarded £32,000 from the EEC to prepare training packages in patent information and documentation. Jim Stephenson, principal lecturer in Librarianship, has a massive task on his hands. Each year 20,000 patent specifications are recorded in Britain alone, bringing the total in Europe to 100,000 entailing a colossal amount of paperwork. For firms and individuals to save themselves time and money, easier access to patent information would show them if an invention had already been patented. It would also help in detailing who held the rights for a patent they wished to use. The 18 month research with Jim Stephenson and his research associate should make things more obvious — patently!

For further information contact Christine Holland, Public Relations Office, Newcastle Polytechnic. Tel: Newcastle 26002 ext. 455.

New degree course

A new degree course currently being offered in the Department of Social Sciences at the Polytechnic of the South Bank could be of particular interest to librarians. The course, based on the existing full-time course, consists of a two-year interdisciplinary foundation in social science subjects, leading into two three-year branches in Sociology and Social Policy.

Applicants will normally be expected to have two 'A' levels, or a good ONC or OND qualification. Applicants with other academic and professional qualifications will be eligible, and in many cases, the content of these qualifying courses will exempt the student from one or perhaps two of the foundation years, thus enabling the course to be completed in a shorter period than five years.

Further information about the course can be obtained from the Course Director, Dr J. G. Taylor, Department of Social Sciences, Polytechnic of the South Bank, Borough Road, London, SE1 0AA.

World Surface Coatings Abstracts

World Surface Coatings Abstracts, the cornerstone of information for the paint industry since 1928, is a monthly journal covering articles, patents and books on paints, varnishes, lacquers and their components, application and uses, printing inks, recording materials, and adhesives. Produced manually until the mid-70's, the January 1976 issue saw a new departure — computerisation.

A logical enhancement of the service follows from this. Magnetic tapes of WSCA abstracts from January 1976 onwards are now being supplied to Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Inc., in California USA for incorporation into their Lockheed Dialog on-line service. This enables owners of teletype-compatible terminals to connect, via the telephone network, with the Lockheed computers and retrieve abstracts on chosen topics, either directly or subsequently through the post. The WSCA database is called Surface Coatings Abstracts to distinguish it from the printed version. For organizations without suitable terminals, the Paint Research Association can be commissioned to carry out searches, both of Surface Coatings Abstracts and of other databases available on Lockheed Dialog or other systems.

For further information in Europe contact: Dr N. R. Morgan at the Paint Research Association, Waldegrave Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 8LD, England, or Learned Information (Europe Ltd., Lockheed Dialog Information Retrieval Service, 37—39 Oxford St., London W1R 2LL.

For information in USA contact: Dr N. R. Morgan at the Paint Research Association, or Lockheed Dialog Information Retrieval Service, 3460 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94304, USA.

Industrial performance analysis

ICC Business Ratios have 150 copies of *Industrial performance analysis* 4th edition to dispose of to Aslib members at the reduced rate, as the 5th edition has now been published. The 4th edition covers the period 1974—1977 and is available for £1.50 per copy, including postage. For further details contact Don Chapman, ICC Business Ratios, 81 City Road, London EC1Y 1BD; tel: 01 638 2947.

Library and Information Research Group

The election for the committee of the Library and Information Research Group for 1980/1981, took place during April and involved 45% of the membership from UK and abroad. The new committee is as follows:

Stephen Roberts (Chairman) Research Fellow, Centre for Library & Information Management, Loughborough University.

David Botten, Systems Librarian, Polytechnic of the South Bank.

Helen Brooks, Information Officer, University of London.

Daphne Clark, Sub-Librarian, Academic Services, Hatfield Polytechnic.

Ruth Finer, Consultant, Judith Collins and Ruth Finer.

Lesley Gilder, Research Fellow, Centre for Library & Information Management, Loughborough University.

Sarah Greene, Media Librarian, Polytechnic of the South Bank.

Colin Harris, Director, Centre for Research on User Studies, University of Sheffield.

Margaret Jeays, Development Librarian, Leicestershire Libraries & Information Service.

Alan Pritchard, Deputy Head of Library Services, City of London Polytechnic.

Peter Taylor, Senior Research Officer, Aslib Research & Consultancy Division.

William Marsterson, Systems Librarian, The Polytechnic, Huddersfield.

Tom Whitehall, Lecturer, Dept. of Library & Information Studies, Loughborough University.

AACR2 and DC19 implementation

The British Library has announced the availability of new services designed to assist users of its Bibliographic Services Division's automated, manual and printed services in their adoption of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* second edition and the *Dewey Decimal Classification* nineteenth edition. The Library announced, some time ago, that the changes introduced in these editions would be adopted in its bibliographic records from January 1981.

The services, which are to be introduced this year and in 1981, include: converted exchange tapes of the UK MARC retrospective files, Name Conversion File on tape and microfiches; Name Authority List on microfiches, and signals, lists and warnings in all services. Full details concerning the new services, the proposed dates of their introduction, and their introduction, and their prices is given in the latest issues of *Bibliographic Services Division newsletter, MARC News* and *BLAISE newsletter.*

UK academic books double in price since 1975

The latest figures published by the Centre for Library and Information Management at Loughborough University show that UK academic books have increased in price from an average of £5.57 in 1975 to £10.81 in 1979. The proportion of books costing less than £8.00 has fallen from 80% to 47% over the same period.

As in previous years, the most expensive academic books are on science and technology. Particularly expensive subjects in 1979 were chemistry (£23.05), manufactures (£18.83), physics (£18.68), botany (£17.84), astronomy (£17.28), and general biology (£16.39).

A report giving detailed findings is available from CLAIM, price £1.75. Address: Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU, England.

PUBLICATIONS

Universal Decimal Classification — Sociology

The latest part of the second English full edition of the Universal Decimal Classification to be published by the British Standards Institution is BS 1000 3/30 *Social sciences in general. Sociology. Sociography.* This is a systematic schedule, with an alphabetical subject index, for classifying information about social sciences, including methods of survey and investigation. Copies of BS 1000 3/30 may be obtained from BSI Sales Department, 101 Pentonville Road, London N1 9ND.

Library of Congress Subject Headings

The Library of Congress is now making available the ninth edition of *Library of Congress Subject Headings,* containing headings established and applied by the Library through December 1978, including a full cumulation of subject headings for children's literature. Subsequent additions to and changes in these headings are published as quarterly supplements which cumulate into annual volumes.

The ninth edition is available both in book form and microform and orders or requests for subscription information should be addressed to the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541; tel: (202) 287 6100).

Bibliographic instruction

A workable model for introducing and maintaining a program of bibliographic instruction in an academic library is now available. In the form of 12 checklists which were originally developed by the Continuing Education Committee of the Bibliographic Instruction Section of ACRL to accompany presentations at their Dallas BIS pre-conference on 'Organizing and Managing a Library Instruction Program', they can be used separately, or adapted to local situations. Available from: Order Department, ALA/ACRL, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Price $3.00.

Reviews

The LAIG Guidelines: report of the librarians', bookseller's and publishers' Working Party. Edited by Tony Hall *et al.* London: Library Association Industrial Group, 1979, 14p. ISBN 0 85365 652 5.

The Working Party suggests a standardized format and terminology for book or journal ordering and reporting, and presents guidelines for a variety of further problem areas, such as books on approval or price increases, concluding each topic with a tripartite set of guidelines, one for each profession. Despite the 'specialized' nature of the librarians on the Working Party, this pamphlet is equally relevant to public or academic librarians, and will be helpful to members of all three professions both for its practical suggestions and for encouraging us to see the other side's point of view.

Official publishing: an overview. J. J. Cherns. Oxford: Pergamon, 1979. 527p. ISBN 0 08 023340 6.

The first section of this volume deals with the scope and importance of official publishing internationally. A survey of official publishing in nineteen countries is given in the following section, and one chapter is devoted to publishing by some major international organizations. The last section provides a review of official publishing, which includes chapters on the growth of official information, and the finances of official publishing. Concludes with a chapter on the future of official publishing internationally.

Glaister's glossary of the book: terms used in papermaking, printing, bookbinding and publishing with notes on illuminated manuscripts, and private presses. 2nd ed. Geoffrey Ashall Glaister. London: Allen and Unwin, 1979. 551p. ISBN 0 04 010006 5.

The fundamental difference between this second edition and the first edition, which was published in 1960, is the alphabetical order of entry words. The entries have been revised, and 1,144 of the 3,932 entries in the work are new. The entries are well laid out, and the text is complemented by excellent black and white illustrations, and some colour plates. The appendices cover examples of type faces, Latin place names as used in imprints of early printed books, and proof correction symbols. There is also a comprehensive reading list.

Computer methods for literary research. R. L. Oakman. University of South Carolina Press, 1980. 235pp. Bibliography pp. 194—227 *et passim.* $14.96. ISBN 0 87249 381 4.

The field of the second decade of literary computing 1966—76 has been gleaned by Bob Oakman and handsomely presented by a small but distinguished university press. It covers computer fundamentals and literary applications: concordances, automated bibliography, lexicography, textual collation, disputed authorship, and content and stylistic analysis. The time is ripe for such a survey. It is reviewed *TLS* 9 May, 1980, p. 533 and compared favourably to Hockey: *Guide to computer applications in the humanities,* even though the bibliography is 'too exhaustive', a noble fault, and that literary computing 'needs to adopt the new tools of data analysis'.

It is in this that the Informatics Group could well play a part; see p. 215, 'Numerical taxonomy and some primary manuscripts of the Gospels'. This task can be focussed by *Pratique des ordinateurs dans la critique des textes,* CNRS, 1979, ISBN 2 222 02399 8 which is a major contribution to the epistemological debate now that the idiographic phase of humanities is being subjected to the nomothetic rigour of 'ordination'. (See Oakman, p. 4 on 'ordinateur').

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3–7 November 1980
at Aslib Headquarters

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Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Note: Students will not normally be accepted for this course unless they have a degree or some similar qualification but not in librarianship or information science. Other students who wish to attend the course should consult the Education Officer before sending in the application form. Students should be in their first year of library or information work.

PROGRAMME:

DAY I

Systems and people. Selection and acquisition of published material. Loan procedures.

DAY II

External sources of published information in science and technology. The information needs of business enterprises. Dissemination of information.

DAY III

Information retrieval – catalogues and indexes. Classification systems and retrieval characteristics of various systems.

DAY IV

Patents – a source of information. The foreign language barrier. Less conventional retrieval systems.

DAY V

Bibliography: sources of published information for books and periodicals. Subject enquiries and literature searching.

VISITS

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at Aslib Headquarters
24–28 November 1980

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Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Visits: This course includes a visit to the City Business Library in order to gain experience in using the full range of published material in commercial and company information, as well as a visit to the Aslib Information Services Department. Bibliographies and notes will be supplied to accompany lectures where appropriate.

PROGRAMME:

DAY I

Business information and management literature; running a small-budget economic information unit; statistics: the use and applications of both UK and foreign statistics.

DAY II

Current information from newspapers and periodicals; the organization of press cuttings. Company information; main sources of published information, collections, interpretations, status enquiries and guides.

DAY III

Practical work at the City Business Library. Inquest and discussion of practical session. Directories and supplementary material.

DAY IV

Trade names and product information. External sources of business information. Balance sheet interpretation.

DAY V

Marketing intelligence: survey of marketing intelligence and marketing research activities and techniques. Sources of information on legal matters.

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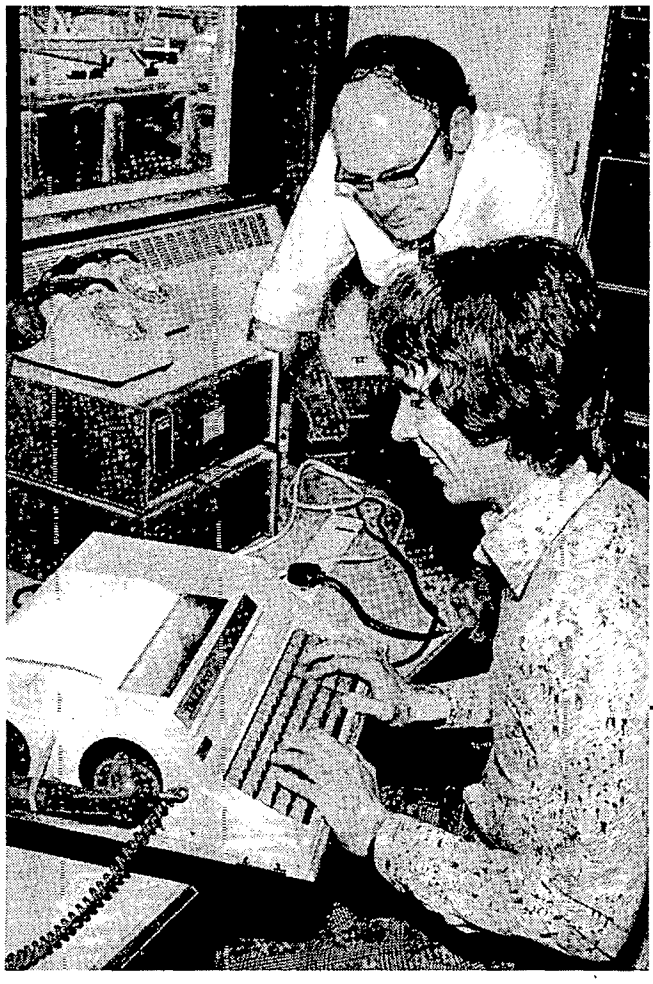

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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

6 Thurs — Transport and Planning Group One-day Meeting: Information for Urban and Regional Planning
Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1
Contact: Miss L. Partington, Room P3/183, DOE/DTP Library Services, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1
Tel. 01 212 4823

10 Mon 15.00 for 15.30 — Informatics Group Meeting: Practical experience in indexing
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

10 Mon 17.00 for 18.00 — ASSIG (with British & Irish Association of Law Librarians)
Evening Meeting
Access to Law for the Citizen by Professor Michael Zander
Polytechnic of the South Bank, Southwark (London Road site), London SW1
Contact: Mrs M. Windsor, Librarian, The Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower King's Road, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2AB

11 Tues 14.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Seminar: Sources of Middle East Information
Aslib
Contact: Lindsay Churchill, Rolls-Royce Limited, Aero Division, PO Box 31, Derby DE2 8BJ

*11 Tues 14.30 — Audiovisual Group Demonstration: Marc AV Line
BLAISE, 2 Sheraton Street, London W1
Contact: Sarah Greene, Media Librarian, Polytechnic of the South Bank, London Road, London SE1 0AA
Tel: 01 928 8989

11/12 Tues/Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group: Discussion Meeting
Biological nomenclature and classification applied to information retrieval
British Museum (Natural History), London SW7
Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, Basement Flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2JB

13/14 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Using the Patents Literature
Chartered Institute of Patent Agents
Fee: £45; Aslib members £36
Details and application form in May issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

17/18 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Inter-Library Loans, how to succeed
Aslib
Fee: £50 Aslib members only
Details and application form in September issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

19 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Richard Hindson on the UDC in the UK: a report on the 1979/80 survey
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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20 Thurs 09.30 — Technical Translation Group with Translators Guild of Institute of Linguists: Conference and Exhibition: Machine aids for Translators
Kensington Close Hotel, Wrights Lane, London W8
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Leaflet with October issue

21 Fri 14.15 — Audiovisual Group Afternoon Meeting and Demonstration of Videodiscs
Speaker: John Chittock
Aslib
Contact: Frances Thorpe, International Index of Film Periodicals, 90–94 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1V 7DH

24/28 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Business Information
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*27 Thurs 17.30 — Aslib Midlands Branch with RSIS West Midlands Evening Meeting
Local Patent Provision, by D. R. Jamieson, Science Reference Library
Birmingham Public Libraries
Contact: Mrs Patricia Siddall 021 235 4393

DECEMBER

3 Wed — Aslib Course: Your Customers and You
Aslib
Fee: £40; Aslib members £30
Details and application form in October issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*4 Thurs 14.00 — Audiovisual Group Visit: British Institute of Recorded Sound
29 Exhibition Road, London SW7
Contact: Barbara Smith, London College of Fashion, Curtain Road Branch, 100 Curtain Road, London EC2A 3AE
Tel: 01 739 4002 Library

4 Thurs 14.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Institute of Personnel Management, London WC1
Contact: Mrs Tessa Perry, Head of Library Services
National Enterprise Board, 12–18 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DW

4/6 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: An Introduction to the Universal Decimal Classification
Aslib
Fee: £45.00; Aslib members £35.00
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

10 Wed 17.00 — Aslib Christmas Party
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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11 Thus 15.00 for 15.30 — Informatics Group Meeting: Compound words with special reference to BS 5723 by K. P. Jones
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

12 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: Translation and Standards by John Widdowson, BSI, THE, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
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Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

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8 Thurs evening — Economic and Business Information Group New Year Party
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Contact: Nigel Oxbrow, London Business School Bookshop, Sussex Place, London NW1 4SA
Details later

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*13/16 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

16 Fri 16.30 17.30 — Technical Translation Group: Annual General Meeting and Sherry Party
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Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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27 Tues 14.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Visit: Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1
Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, Basement Flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2JB

*28 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting
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2/5 Mon/Thurs — Aslib Course: Financial Aspects of Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £125 Aslib members £100
Details and application form in this issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
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*17/20 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Classification and Indexing Systems
Aslib
Fee: £110 Aslib members £95
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

24/25 and 26 Mon/Tues Wed — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Extel Statistical Services
London EC2
Contact: Mrs T. Perry, Head of Library Services, National Enterprise Board, 12–18 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DW

MARCH

*5/6 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Introduction to Library Automation
Aslib
Fee: £55 Aslib members £40
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*9/11 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £125 Aslib members £100
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

11 Wed 13.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: *The Manchester Guardian*, Manchester
Contact: Lindsay Churchill, Rolls-Royce Limited, Aero Division, PO Box 31, Derby DE2 8BJ

APRIL

*2 Thurs 14.00 — Biological Group Annual General Meeting and Tour, displays and libraries
British Museum (Natural History), London SW7
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

6/8 Mon/Wed — Information management and organizational change: a Conference
London Tara Hotel
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with October issue

*6/10 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £120; Aslib members £90
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

14/16 Tues/Thurs — Transport and Planning Group Two-day Meeting: Energy for planning and transport
York University
Contact: Miss L. Partington, Room P3/183, DOE/DTP Library Services, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1
Tel. 01 212 4823

*27 April–1 May Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £120; Aslib members £90
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

MAY

*14 Thurs — Aslib Course: Techniques of Reference Work
Aslib
Fee: £45; Aslib members £30
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*15 Fri — Aslib Course: Product Information
Aslib
Fee £45; Aslib members £30
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*19/22 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £75
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JUNE

*4/5 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Official Publications
Aslib
Fee: £80; Aslib members £65
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JULY

*15 Wed — Biological Group whole-day visit: ICI Plant Protection Division
Jealott's Hill Research Station, Bracknell, Berks
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

SEPTEMBER

22/25 Tues/Fri — Aslib 54th Annual Conference
University of Oxford
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

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HEADQUARTERS

Joint Consultative Committee

The Joint Consultative Committee representing Aslib, the Institute of Information Scientists, the Library Association, SCONUL and the Society of Archives, held its first meeting in June 1980 after the lapse of nearly six years, following general agreement among the associations represented that, in the light of present and future developments, there is an increasing number of issues on which continuing consultation can be of considerable practical value.

The new terms of reference of the Committee have been agreed as follows:

1 To keep a 'watching brief' on UK government policy in the library and information field and its peripherals, assess its implications and make recommendations for joint action (or reaction) where feasible and desirable.
2 To carry out a similar function in relation to the EEC.
3 To monitor and assess technological developments in the information field and to recommend steps to enable the associations to take advantage of them.
4. To explore areas in which co-operative activities may be possible in order to increase effectiveness or reduce expenditure by shared action.
5 To discuss and recommend action on matters of potential concern in areas such as professional training, ethical and other standards, and research and development.
6 To consider international developments of specific relevance to the associations and their members and to recommend joint action as appropriate.
7 To consider other areas in which consultation may be thought to be necessary.

Professor W. L. Saunders, currently President of the Library Association, was elected as Chairman of the Committee. The joint secretaries are Mr L. J. Anthony, Acting Director of Aslib, and Mr R. Bowden, Deputy Secretary-General of the Library Association.

One result of the first meeting was the setting up of a JCC Working Party on Copyright of which the secretary is Mr A. J. Loveday of SCONUL. The Aslib representative on this Working Party is Dr R. Wall, Deputy Librarian, Loughborough University of Technology.

Membership subscription rates 1981

For some years it has been Council's policy to limit increases in membership subscription rates to percentages significantly below those which might have been justified on the basis of changes in the Retail Price Index in order to encourage new members and help existing members, the resulting shortfall in income being made good from above average increases in income from services, particularly publications.

Although it is becoming increasingly difficult to ensure continuing increases in services income of the amounts required, Council consider it prudent in the light of current economic conditions to maintain this policy as far as possible, and have agreed to limit the general increase in subscription rates for corporate members in 1981 to between 12½% and 15%. Full details of the new rates will be sent to members as subscriptions become due.

The subscription rate for UK Associate Members was last fixed in January 1979 at £15 per annum and these subscriptions will be increased to £20 per annum for 1 January 1981, with corresponding increases for Overseas Associate Members.

Information Management and Organizational Change: a conference 6–8 April 1981, London Tara Hotel

The programme for this conference is now available and was distributed to the membership in October.

Intended for a wide range of information managers and practitioners, *Information management and organizational change* deliberately aims to be a response to the hardness of the times, seeing the various external factors – economic recession and technological change in particular – that are forcing changes on many organizations as an opportunity to develop information management into a more dynamic force in the operation of an organization. Speakers contributing to this include Alexis Lamy from Essochem (Europe), describing a unique survey mounted by his company checking and measuring the level of services offered and of the needs of their users; the well-known consultant and journalist, Malcolm Peltu, will give a general overview of the technology and how it affects information handling; Dr D. G. Rowlands (Unilever Research) will explore the implications for management in adopting the new technology, while communications aspects, particularly within the organization, will be discussed by Dr Emma Bird of Urwick Nexos Limited. In the session on people and professional aspects, Dr Claus Suhr of BASF Aktiengesellschaft in Ludwigshafen and Dr Patricia Layzell Ward, Director of CLAIM, will talk about the training, qualifications and development of information managers; staffing levels and user populations will be examined by Margaret Slater of Aslib while the findings of recent research on the impact of technology on manpower requirements in information work will be presented by Tony Wight, also of Aslib.

It is hoped that Lord Kearton, Aslib's President, will open the programme with a keynote address, and discussion workshops on the second evening will hopefully lead to some emerging ideas and directives for action in the restatement and synthesis in the final session.

Contact for further information and copies of the programme and registration form: The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

JOINT CONFERENCE

Joint Conference – a mode for the future?

The Aslib/IIS/LA Joint Conference, so long worked for and publicised, took place in Sheffield from 15–19 September. It drew an attendance of just over 850, including no less than 80 speakers and chairmen, delegates, one-day visitors, exhibitors' representatives and guests. The exhibition, that at no point lacked a waiting list, finally packed in 84 exhibitors and drew a very fair amount of interest considering the many rival claims with which it had to compete.

The overlap between the membership of the three organisations is so great that it is difficult to assess how attendance was distributed between them, but though Aslib was strongly represented, there was always a sense that the audience was drawn from a wider catchment area than in ordinary years. Certainly they came from all over the United Kingdom and Ireland, both north and south; and particularly notable and welcome was the large contingent from overseas, from countries as farflung as Australia, Malaysia, Mexico, Fiji, the West Indies, Jamaica, India, South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, Jordan, Turkey, Israel, the United States and Canada, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Sweden.

With 25 sessions, many running in parallel, no one person could judge the content of the programme. From Professor Saunders' opening address, which was also the Presidential Address to the Library Association, it looked at the nationwide provision and use of information from almost every angle and with many diversions by the Groups into community information services; the opportunities and problems of the new technology; libraries and research; modern information processes in education; the availability and use of business information outside London; the politics of library and information services. The Under Secretary of State (Neil Macfarlane) was statesmanlike and non-committal about the Government's role in the national provision of information, but his words will certainly be taken as an invitation to continue to press our views. The characteristics of the three organisations came out

strongly in various parts of the programme: the Library Association, stately and traditional with the Presidential Address, Fellowship Ceremony and Annual Service; the Institute witty, young and irreverent in Infotainment, while the final session, chaired by Aslib's President and with a magically spontaneous dissertation by Sir Monty Finniston on information for a dynamic economy and Doug Foskett at his most inspiring on professionalism and the future, brought the conference to a close on what might well be called a three-part harmonic chord.

Miraculously, harmony and momentum seemed to characterize this conference, from the Welcome receptions on the first night to the last bus heading for the station on the Friday. There were imperfections, inevitably. Queues formed – for coffee, for meals, for buses, for entry to the Civic Reception (a wonderful event in a marquee lined with pleated yellow and hung with chandeliers), but they were good-humoured and (generally) quickly disappeared. The amplification system was patchy and the pearls of oratory in the Cutlers' Hall (otherwise such a magnificent building) were lost. The conference brought together a number of people who might not otherwise meet each other, gave them an opportunity to choose from an immensely diverse programme and to think about and discuss problems and attitudes other than their own. Stella Keenan at Loughborough University is undertaking a survey of delegates' reactions, which will be published and studied with close attention. On its findings no doubt will depend whether such a cooperative event will ever be staged again. The proceedings of the Joint Conference will be published by the Library Association in January 1981 and can be ordered from them (7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE).

TECHNICAL TRANSLATION GROUP/TRANSLATORS' GUIDE OF INSTITUE OF LINGUISTS

Machine aids for translators: a conference and exhibition 20 November 1980, Kensington Close Hotel, London W8

This conference and exhibition is attracting a good deal of interest, not least from abroad, and the participation of the Translators' Guild of the Institute of Linguists will broaden the field of support. At the time of going to press, there are places, and however eleventh the hour it is always worth ringing to see if space remains.

The exhibition will have some particularly interesting features. The EEC ECHO Service will be demonstrating the multilingual data bank EURODICAUTOM now available through Euronet-DIANE, and the Siemens equipment used in the Translations Department of the Council of the European Community will also be on display. A revolutionary new computerised language system for English, French, Spanish, German and Arabic that has just been launched will make one of its first appearances in this country and there will be a chance to examine word processor systems particularly adapted to use in translation.

For further information and the programme and registration form, contact the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY NEWS

Peter Vickers and *Peter Taylor* of the Research and Consultancy Division visited Frankfurt during August to advise the GID (Gesellschaft für Information und Dokumentation) on aspects of its programme for the promotion and co-ordination of information and documentation services in Germany. The GID, despite its short life-span (it was formed in 1977 by the amalgamation of a number of bodies with professional interests in the field), has achieved high standards in its products and services, and is now looking to further improve its contribution to the varied and often complex information scene in the Federal Republic. With almost 250 staff and a very considerable range of professional expertise at its disposal, the GID is clearly poised to make a major contribution, and Aslib has been pleased, at the request of the organization, to offer advice and assistance on tailoring its operations to the requirements of the German and international information communities.

CHEMICAL GROUP

As a result of our Annual General Meeting, the Group has a new committee. The members are:

Sue Hoselitz (Chairman)
John Orpwood (Vice Chairman)
Pam Harling (Secretary)
Alan Nineham (Treasurer)
Larry Adler
Lindsey Battle
Alison Dalton
Valerie Hughes
Susan Salt
Fraces Tait
Margaret Wells

News from the Committee

'Introduction to Chemistry' course 1–3 April 1980

The Committee is delighted to report that the course appears to have been a success both for the delegates and financially for the Group. Eighteen students attended, and it was interesting to note that quite a few of them were translators. What also became apparent was the need for students to have some background knowledge of chemistry – preferably to 'O' level standard. Those with little or no understanding of chemistry obviously felt at a disadvantage. A questionnaire filled in at the end of the course highlighted the difficulty of catering for everyone e.g. a translator felt that it would have been useful to have the various pieces of laboratory equipment named and explained, while another would have liked more information on the analytical side. But apart from these differences, which are to be expected, the course was considered to be well run and very useful; summed up perhaps by one student's comment: 'On the whole, the course was very good I would certainly recommend it to anyone in a similar position to myself.'

Committee Meetings

With the cost of travelling rising all the time, the Committee feels concerned that the cost to their employers of attending meetings may come under closer scrutiny. It has therefore been agreed that the Committee will keep a watch on the situation and will consider paying travelling expenses to Committee members who would otherwise be prevented from standing for the Committee and attending meetings.

Future activities

A programme of visits and meetings is being arranged, but in the meantime we would like to welcome any Aslib members who are not in the Chemical Group to join us in our activities. These are intended to cater for as wide a range of interests as possible, so extra-Chemical Group members are very welcome. Should a visit or meeting be oversubscribed, then priority will be given to Group members.

New Members

Name	*Groups*	*Location*	*Representative*
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Age of Enlightenment Co Ltd	EB	Leighton Buzzard	Mr A. Foss
Arts Council of GB		London	Mr A. Flood
Barclays Bank Int. Ltd	EB	Poole	Mrs A. Barret
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Technique Groups

A—Audiovisual; I—Informatics; TT—Technical Translation.

Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received and inspected the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

Bibl—1419
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Seal hunting at home and abroad. 1980. 61 refs. £0.90.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—1420
Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services Victorian Regional Committee. Sub-Committee on Government Publications.
Government publications of Australia: a list of lists.
Second edition. 1979. 47 pages. $4.50 (including postage).
Available from: Library Council of Victoria, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 3000.

Bibl—1421
Building Services Research and Information Association.
Building services for museums and art galleries: literature in the BSRIA Library. 2nd edition. 1979. 55 refs. LB10/79.
Available from: Building Services Research and Information Association, Old Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 4AH.

Bibl—1422
City of London Polytechnic.
Media resources on sex & gender. 1979. 16 pages £1.00.
Available from: Library and Learning Resources, City of London Polytechnic, Calcutta House Precinct, Old Castle Street, London E1 7NT.

Bibl—1423
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Cement-kiln dusts are fertilizers and soil amendments (1955—1973). 1978. 24 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB 1933.
U.K. £2.50. Overseas £3.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1424
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Metallurgical slags as fertilizers and soil amendments (1937—1977). 1978. 107 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB 1935.
U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1425
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Oilseed cakes and similar materials as fertilizers and manures (1956—1975). (Revision of No. 1256). 1978. 48 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB 1931. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1426
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Oligochaeta (1973—1977). (Supplement to No. S1662R). 1978. 77 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1934.
U.K. £4.00. Overseas £4.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1427
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of the Caribbean Islands (1967—1977). 1978. 101 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG 1932.
U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1428
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on consumer and community participation in health care. 1979. 44 refs. Bibliography Series B120.
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1429
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on health care in inner cities (1974—1978). 1979. 16 refs. Bibliography Series B121.
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1430
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on soccer hooliganism. 1979. 29 refs. Bibliography Series B122.
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1431
Departments of the Environment & Transport, Headquarters Library.
Water supply: a select list of material based on the DOE/DTp Library. 1979. 309 refs. Bibliography No. 157. £2.00 + 15p postage.
Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment/Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1432
Electricity Council. Intelligence Section.
Intelligence Section select bibliographies and conference abstracts. 1979. 24 pages. Bibliographies B102c.
Available from: Intelligence Section, Electricity Council, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD.

Bibl—1433
Greater London Council Research Library.
Arson 1969— . 1979. 80 refs. Bibliography No. 108. £1.75 in the U.K.
Available from: GLC Bookshop, County Hall, London SE1 7PB.

Bibl—1434
International Bee Research Association.
Bee diseases, enemies and poisoning in the tropics. 1978. 283 refs. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 18. £5.00 (£3.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1435
International Bee Research Association.
Beekeeping management and equipment in the tropics. 1978. 319 refs. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 16. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1436
International Bee Research Association.
Bees for pollination in the tropics. 1978. 180 refs. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 22. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1437
International Bee Research Association.
Beeswax and other hive products in the tropics. 1978. 146 refs. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 20. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1438
International Bee Research Association.
Miscellaneous, indexes, acknowledgements, etc. 1978. 38 pages. Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture 24. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1439
Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. Library and Information Services.
Estuaries and coastal waters of the British Isles. An annual bibliography of recent scientific papers. 1979. 1254 refs. Number 3.
Available from: Library and Information Services, Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom, Citadel Hill, Plymouth, Devon PL1 2PB.

Bibl—1440
Northampton Development Corporation.
Condensation: literature in the NDC Library. 1979. 6 pages.
Available from: Northampton Development Corporation, Cliftonville House, Bedford Road, Northampton NN4 0AY.

Bibl—1441
Royal Botanic Gardens.
The history of gardens and gardening: a selected bibliography. 1979. 4 pages.
Available from: Library, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB.

Bibl—1442
Scottish Health Service Centre Library.
Medical records. 2nd edition. 1979. 220 refs. Library Bibliography No. 27.
Available from: Library, Scottish Health Service Centre, Crewe Road South, Edinburgh EH4 2LF.

EVENTS

Indexing in Perspective seminar

The National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services will present a seminar on Indexing in Perspective in Durham, North Carolina, at the Ramada Inn, 600 Willard Street, 12–14 November 1980. The seminar will be hosted by the North Carolina Central University, School of Library Sciences.

The seminar will cover vocabularies used in indexing; indexing systems and formats; and the effects of indexing on the retrieval process. Emphasis will be placed on relating indexing developments of the past 20 years to the fields of information and library science; against this background lecture specific case histories will be presented and discussed. The registration fee for the 3-day seminar is $295 ($245 for NFAIS members) and includes a copy of the *NFAIS/UNESCO Indexing in Perspective Education Kit,* additional materials developed for the seminar, and an informal social.

For further information contact: The National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, 112 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102 USA., Tel: (215) 563-2406.

Short courses at The City University

The Centre for Information Science is again offering short courses during the Spring Term, 1981. Suitably qualified information workers will be admitted on an 'occasional student' basis to the options on the M.Sc./Diploma courses. These commence during the week beginning 19 January, 1981 and are given on the same day for the next nine weeks.

A new course offered this year is Research and Development in Information Systems (on Fridays) which includes topics such as word and micro processors, networks, data transmission, selection and evaluation of hardware and software, statistical and probalistic techniques and user studies.

Other courses available are: Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Information (Tuesdays), Financial, Commercial and Legal Information (Mondays), Information for the Citizen and the Community (Tuesdays), and Scientific and Technological Information (Mondays).

A brochure giving further details of the above courses is available from the Secretary of the Centre for Information Science, The City University, Northampton Square, London EC1V 0HB. Tel: 01-253 4399 ex. 556.

NTIS/US Government databases seminar

An invitation is extended to all UK online users and to European users who might be in London at the time, to attend a special seminar at the US Embassy in London on Monday 8 December prior to the commencement of the Annual Online Exhibition and Conference. The meeting will commence at 2.30 p.m. although participants will be asked to arrive at 2.00 p.m. The seminar will be addressed by Mr Marvin Wilson, Assistant Director, NTIS, Springfield, Va., USA, who will discuss newly acquired US Government machine databases expected to become available through NTIS in the coming months. This is a major product update session, additional to that which will be given at the Online meeting.

Entry will be free, but by ticket only, available on advance written application only from Microinfo Ltd, PO Box 3, Newman Lane, Alton, Hants GU34 2PG. Tel: Alton 84300.

Computer Assisted Learning (CAL) and libraries

The Library and Information Research Group is to hold a one-day course on Wednesday 26 November at the Polytechnic of the South Bank, London, SE1. The aim is to review the state of the art, consider future developments and discuss the library's role in facilitating the use and development of CAL.

Speakers will include a member of the Computer Based Learning Project at the University of Leeds; Judith Morris of the Computers in Education as a Resource (CEDAR) project at Imperial College; Tim O'Shea of the Open University; Michael Aston, Deputy Director of the Advisory Unit for Computer Based Education; Michael Brown and Vincent Thompson of the Council for Educational Technology, and Michael Brittain of the Department of Library and Information Studies, Loughborough University. The participants will also be able to try their hand at some CAL packages on microcomputers.

The cost will be £20 including lunch and refreshments, and further details can be obtained from Lesley Gilder, c/o Department of Library and Information Studies, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU.

User education conference

The second International Conference on User Education will be held at Keble College Oxford on 7–10 July 1981. It is sponsored by the British Library Research & Development Department, which has recently published the proceedings of the first conference, held in Cambridge in 1979.

Speakers have been invited from the USA, Great Britain, Ireland, continental Europe and Asia. The contributors will cover user education in all types of library (schools, higher education and public libraries), evaluation of user education, problems of special types of user, education for new technology, etc. A major feature will be an exhibition of user education materials. There will also be visits to Oxford libraries. The conference will be residential and the cost will be approximately £90.

Further details, and application forms, are available from: Second International Conference on User Education, P.O. Box 45, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3UL.

Computers in museums

The BCS Information Retrieval Specialist Group has organized a meeting for the 10 December starting at 2 p.m. in the City University, London, on the subject of 'Computers in Museums'. The meeting will review the work of the Museum Documentation Association (MDA) and the use of computers in museum documentation. Mr Light, a research officer of the MDA, will give a description of the particular problems in this field, and the way in which they are being tackled. He will survey work being done in Britain and overseas. Dr Porter, currently at the Computer Laboratory, Cambridge, and formerly with the MDA, will give an account of the GOS program packages which was designed to help with the construction of museum catalogues in machine readable form. GOS is distributed by the MDA, and is currently being used by and on behalf of a large number of UK museums. Finally Dr Cutbill of the National Maritime Museum will describe the role of GOS in the transfer of the entire documentation work of the Museum to a computer based system. Tickets at a price of £2.00 can be obtained from Mr P. M. Linn, Huntingdon Research Centre, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE18 6ES. Tel: (0480) 890431.

Cataloguing and Indexing Group in Scotland

A one day practical school on the cataloguing of serials, with special reference to AACR2 will be conducted by Ross Bourne and Ruth Hope at the National Library of Scotland on 10 December, 1980. The fee will be £2.00 and further details can be obtained from Graham Jones, Department of Librarianship, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow G1 1XH.

UK Online User Group

A one day meeting on 'Sources of engineering information online' will be held on 17 February, 1981 with speakers from Loughborough University (Mrs C. A. Baker), Cranfield Institute of Technology (Ms J. Spooner), Derwent Publications Ltd. and the Science Reference Library.

Topics covered will include a general overview of databases in engineering, online patents engineering information, an evaluation of COMPENDEX, NTIS, Inspec and NASA, Online

SDI in engineering and the user's viewpoint. It is hoped to have a speaker from Data Courier to talk about, and demonstrate ISMEC and Conference Papers Index.

The meeting will take place at the Council Room, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2, at 10 a.m. The cost will be £15 to User Group Members and £18 to non-members which includes lunch, tea, coffee and online demonstrations. Further details are obtainable from Dr C. Oppenheim, Centre for Information Science, The City University, Northampton Square, London EC1V 0HB.

NOTES

USERKIT

A new device to assist online searchers was demonstrated at a meeting at Aslib on 11 September. Dr P. W. Williams showed how his USERKIT could remove several of the present problems of using online services.

Perhaps the most psychologically appealing feature of the demonstration was the opportunity to reach any IPSS host or Euronet host in 8 seconds by pressing 6 keys only. A more significant feature of the USERKIT is the facility for formulating a search before connection to the computer. The search statements can be typed into the kit and reviewed and corrected before starting online. When the online session starts these statements can be sent at full 30 cps. speed by depressing one key only. The saving in costs at the higher input speed is substantial. For searches which do not use online printing, experiments have shown a 50% saving in connect time.

The USERKIT is a microprocessor box which plugs in between a terminal and a modem so it can be simply added to existing equipment. The programs to operate the box are permanently written into the box and cannot be accessed or damaged by the user. Unless special action is taken the user is always in normal direct contact with the online system but a few simple commands allow the stored search statements to be sent at high speed to the host.

The IPSS and Euronet host addresses are permanently stored in the box and can be selected and sent by one character commands. The user has 600 characters of storage for his search statements. There is a command to allow a series of statements to be stored by continuous typing, and the USERKIT automatically numbers the lines as they are created. There are editing commands for inserting lines, deleting and printing lines and characters can be corrected as they are entered. These commands can be used for a specified line or a sequence of lines. A very simple set of instructions has been used so that they can be learnt quickly and remembered by occasional users.

In response to questions Dr Williams outlined the future plans for extending the capabilities of the USERKIT. The Mark 1 version of the kit with the facilities outlined is already available. There are a number of enhancements being considered which have varying degrees of difficulty. It is relatively easy to provide permanent search profiles specified by the user, which he can use as required to combine with a search that he is creating before his online session. It is technically possible to add storage which is maintained when the machine is switched off but the components for this are more expensive than the previous facility. The possibility of adding cassette tape storage is being investigated but will not be included until an error-free system has been developed. The storage of output for review offline can be achieved by adding a floppy disk unit but this is a longer term development. The USERKIT is designed to allow easy addition of extra facilities. The device has 6 standard slots for circuit cards and 4 of these are available for developments.

In parallel with these practical developments there is a research programme looking at the research possibilities for linking small scale computers to the online services. One project supported by the British Library is concerned with developing a user dialogue which will develop a search profile for users who are not familiar with online searching. Another project in conjunction with an industrial sponsor is looking at the ways of assisting a professional searcher in both searching and organisational aspects.

The demonstration showed that the problems of cost and complexity of online searching can already be substantially reduced and in the future the use of micro-assistance will make searching both easier and more effective.

Further details of this work can be obtained from Dr P. W. Williams, 9 Brabyns Brow, Marple, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 7DA. Tel: 061-427 5976.

Online book ordering system

Essex County Library, Parker & Son and B. H. Blackwell Limited have announced the inception of *BOOKLINE*, a new service providing a computer link for book ordering between their respective computer systems.

Inter-connection of B. H. Blackwell's and the Essex County Library computer systems provides the first example of a fully-integrated service covering library acquisition processes. Staff at Essex County Library can search the BHB Bookfile of 650,000 records to find details of books published, including their availability, an up-to-date price and whether they are stock items at Blackwell's. This file represents one of the most up-to-date and complete files on British books in the world, and is held in BHB's ICL 2956 computer for online interrogation. Once selected, a record can be transferred to the Essex County Library computer system on a Honeywell 6060, using an Incoterm terminal as an intermediary display, storage and switching device. After processing of data within the Essex county Library's acquisition system, the details of selected items to be ordered from Parker's are transferred to the BHB computer via the Incoterm terminal with the appropriate order information.

Further information on the *BOOKLINE* service is obtainable from B. H. Blackwell Limited, Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BQ.

Electronic network communication experiment

The British Library has awarded grants to Birmingham University and Loughborough University in order to make possible a programme of research into communication through electronic networks. Birmingham University will receive a grant of £122,000 to supply hardware and software facilities in support of individual research projects. Loughborough University will receive a grant of £134,000 to undertake the first project, which is to prepare an electronic journal and to assess its costs, effectiveness, and impact.

Electronic communication networks enable people to exchange information, views and ideas by means other than paper and the spoken word. Material to be exchanged is entered into a computer store by a variety of means, and is accessed on-line through local terminals. These networks are new and in the United Kingdom little explored from the users' viewpoint. Research is needed to establish their potential and to assess the problems and costs of using them for different purposes, now and in the future. As acceptability of a system to users largely determines the extent of its use, particular attention will be given to psychological and ergonomic aspects of these problems.

The grants will run for three years from 1 November 1980 and in a preliminary period, the facilities are being set up and tested and the participants trained. The results of any research funded by the British Library will be published in accordance with normal research practice and particular attention will be given to disseminating the information among publishers and other interested parties.

Further details are available from: Mrs P. H. B. Graddon or Dr H. A. Pinnock, British Library Research and Development Department, Sheraton House, Great Chapel Street, London W1V 4BH. Tel: 01-636 1544 ex. 465 or 451.

Chemical Abstracts Service

Chemical Abstracts Service has recorded the 5 millionth chemical substance in the files of its Chemical Registry System. The total includes all unique chemical substances indexed in *Chemical Abstracts* since January 1965, when the Registry began operating as an adjunct to indexing operations at CAS.

The five millionth substance to be registered was grandirubrine, a new tropoloisoquinoline alkaloid isolated from *Abuta grandifolia* by Mary D. Menachery and Michael P. Cava of the University of Pennsylvania. It was reported in Volume 14, Number 7, of *Heterocycles.* It was among 335,000 new substances added to the Registry file in the past year.

Library of Congress seeks ethnic publications

The Library of Congress needs assistance in collecting sample copies of publications issued by and for the many ethnic groups in the United States.

As a national library, the Library of Congress has a responsibility for maintaining collections that reflect the history and culture of the American people and the many ethnic groups that compose it. Although the Library has both ethnic newspapers and publications in its collections, there is a need to expand the coverage. It will not be possible to collect all the publications issued throughout the country, but it is important to have a wide selection of newspapers, periodicals, books and pamphlets, as well as sound recordings and films that reflect the interests, concerns, and activities of America's ethnic groups.

As a first step toward framing its future acquisitions policy, the Library needs information about available ethnic publications of every type, ranging from pamphlets to substantial multi-volume collections, from newsletters and local periodicals to journals with national distribution. Not all of the publications reported or sent to the Library will be acquired or retained permanently. Nevertheless, public response will enable the Library to determine the full range of ethnic publications available today and to enable us to make the national collections truly representative of all elements of the nation's culture.

Letters and publications should be addressed to the Exchange and Gift Division, Ethnic Unit, Library of Congress, Washington DC 20540 USA.

PREVIEW

PREVIEW, the software package for formatting viewdatabases, has been installed by the Dutch PTT to support their Viditel viewdata system.

Information Providers (IPs) who hold their source data on computer files are able to make use of the PREVIEW bureau services offered by Viditel. The customer file is processed through PREVIEW and then bulk loaded onto the Viditel computer. This computer to computer updating negates the need for manual keyboarding.

PREVIEW is a utility package containing a report writer, which fully exploits the viewdata display medium, plus strong indexing and page numbering capabilities. It is controlled by parameters which allow any application to be defined. PREVIEW is able to accept data processing files from any make or model of computer and can support most public and private viewdata systems. For further information contact: Barry Ashdown, Langton Information Systems Ltd, 133 Oxford Street, London W1R 1TD. Tel: 439 0366.

ISORID

The International Information System on Research in Documentation (ISORID) established by UNESCO in cooperation with FID, is concerned with collecting, organizing, analyzing, storing and diffusing information on research and development in the fields of information, documentation, libraries and archival records management. In order to achieve the objectives of ISORID more effectively the following policy has been adopted and approved by the Intergovernmental Council for the General Information Programme of UNESCO:

- the extension of cooperation with the FID with a view to avoiding the duplication of activities between FID and UNESCO;
- the extension of ISORID by adding Member States which do not yet participate and by the inclusion in the system of information on research in the archives field;
- the improvement of the system's functioning in order to allow specialists maximum use of reported research results.

Consequently, UNESCO and FID have concluded an arrangement on cooperation in order to eliminate competition and duplication of efforts. This arrangement covers the following points:

(a) all information on research is to be sent directly to FID;
(b) FID will assign descriptors to this information using the *UNESCO Thesaurus;*
(c) all relevant information received will be published by FID in its periodical bulletin *R & D Projects in Documentation and Librarianship.*

Published reports are also requested and should also be sent to FID.

As mentioned above, projects published in *R & D Projects* are for the most part limited to those received by questionnaire. It is not the intent of *R & D Projects in Documentation and Librarianship* to reprint information on projects already published in established directories. Information on planned, on-going, and recently completed projects as well as information on published reports and directories of research in the fields is invited for inclusion in *R & D Projects.*

R & D Projects in Documentation and Librarianship (bimonthly) is available on subscription from FID, PO Box 30115, 2500 GC The Hague, The Netherlands, at 85 Dutch guilders per year.

Harper database project

Harper & Row have announced that their new industry information database project, now called INDATA, will utilize a data entry software package prepared by Inforonics, Inc. of Littleton, Massachusetts, USA together with a DEC 11/03 minicomputer for data input and text editing. The completion of the basic source summaries for sixty industries in the United States and Canada is now scheduled for March, 1981.

INDATA will concentrate on the identification and in-depth analysis of all research studies and publications which contain data on an industry or a product. A series of reference directories, together with a looseleaf service, are being planned as derivative products from the database. Further information is available from Anne Conway Fernald, Managing Editor, Database Publishing Program, Suite 206, 186 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138, USA.
Tel: (617) 491-2300.

CALL FOR PAPERS

SIGIR Conference

The Fourth Annual International SIGIR Conference will be held at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley, California during 31 May, 1 and 2 June, 1981. The School of Library and Information Studies of the University of California will host the Conference. The theme of the Conference will be: 'Theoretical issues in information retrieval', and there will be thirty-minute presentations of current research relating to the theme of the Conference. Those who wish to make a presentation must submit a four page (typed doubled-spaced) synopsis to the Program Committee before 1 December, 1980. Further details can be obtained from Dr Jessie Herr, Research Libraries Group, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305, USA.

PUBLICATIONS

An introduction to open systems interconnection

Standards for open systems interconnection (OSI) will allow computers, terminals and other computing devices to be linked together, regardless of their source or manufacturer. This important subject is covered by The National Computing Centre in a guide for computer users and professionals who have not appreciated the significant developments that are taking place.

OSI has been the subject of considerable international effort since 1977, and last year NCC and the Commission of the European Community (CEC) decided that information on these developments should reach a wider audience. It was therefore decided to produce a guide to OSI, with NCC providing the text, and the CEC setting up and international working party of experts to provide comment. The English language version of this guide is now available from the Publications Department of The National Computing Centre, Oxford Road, Manchester M1 7ED. Tel: 061 228 6333.

Reviews

Arab world: a guide to business, economic and industrial information sources. Dallas, Texas: Inter-Cresent Publishers, 1980. $75 ($85 outside N. America). 492p. ISBN 0 9 16400 07 7.

The growing importance of the Arab World in all spheres of activity has led to a rapid increase in the number of information sources published by and about the countries concerned. This publication serves a useful purpose by collecting and publicizing details of such sources of information from many countries, regardless of language. The directory is in 4 parts. The first section is a classified arrangement of sources of information dealing with the Arab World as a whole. The subject sections include, bibliographies, biographies, company information sources, directories and literature surveys. The second arranged by country, lists sources relevant to that particular country, again arranged by subject. The third section is a series of indexes, by subject, author and organization. The fourth part is an alphabetical arrangement of all the addresses of publishers referred to within the Guide. This Guide although it contains material published before 1979 will be a compact and useful initial source for dealing with many requests for information about the Arab World.

Business organizations and agencies directory. Edited by Anthony T. Kruzas and Robert C. Thomas. Detroit: Gale Research, 1980. 896p. ISBN 0 8103 1135 6.

This publication is a single volume guide to organizations and agencies that are major sources of current information on American business and industry. It is arranged in 26 sections, each section devoted to a specific type of organization or agency e.g. conference and convention centres, franchise companies, micro publishers, information-on-demand, business libraries and information centres, trade organizations, commercially available databanks. A detailed introduction gives information concerning sources for each of the subject sections including details of specialized directories with broader coverage. Indexes are provided for individual sections where appropriate. Because of the broad scope of the directory, information is presented in a variety of entry formats. Minimum entries furnish complete addresses, while other types of entries include phone numbers, contacts and descriptions of services.

The directory is a useful single source for a wide range of business oriented information. In spite of its title, its coverage is mainly of organizations in the USA.

ADLIB: an adaptive management system for special libraries and information bureaux. vol. 2, user handbook by M. R. Ross and J. H. Ashford. Maidenhead: Lipman Management Resources, 1979, 135p. ISBN 0 906168 3. £8.50

Volume 2 of three volumes relating to the ADLIB system. Volume 1 contains the systems description. Volume 3 consists of the program documentation and has a restricted availability. The ADLIB software package can be implemented on Prime computers using the PRIMOS 111 operating system locally or on a bureau basis. Applications of the program are information storage and retrieval, catalogue creation, the production of indexes, and book circulation. The user handbook includes illustrations of all the screen formats, and examples of printed material produced.

Final report of the National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted works, 31 July, 1978. (CONTU). Washington: Library of Congress, 1979, 154p. ISBN 0 8444 1.

The work of the Commission is covered, including transcriptions of meetings, and evidence used in the formulation of their recommendations and consideration of the effects of copyright law. Studies sponsored by the Commission are also included. This is put into historical perspective by a summary of past legislation. Recommendations cover the copyright of computer software or programs, databases, works created by the use of computers and the use of works in conjunction with computers. The Commission has not attempted to be comprehensive in its coverage of technological issues but recognizes that legislation should follow technological change. Future study on the impact of photoduplication is needed and information on copyright status should be more accessible to the public.

Law Librarianship. Adrian Blunt. London: Bingley, 1980. 126p. £4.50. ISBN 0 85157 299 5 (Outlines on modern librarianship).

This volume is intended as an introduction to law librarianship, and legal literature, primarily of use by library school students, but of interest to anyone connected with law libraries. The first chapter provides an introduction to the various types of law libraries. Each form of legislation is discussed in detail in the second chapter. In the following section law reports are outlined. Secondary materials connected with law which include authoritative works, textbooks, encyclopaedias, practice and precedent books, casebooks and periodicals are discussed. A chapter is also devoted to published reference works and bibliographies. The legal systems of Scotland, the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man are discussed, with reference to the legislation and literature produced by them. The European Community and its legal system is also outlined, and also included in the chapter is an introduction to International Law. The special nature of law books require careful organization and administration, and the eighth chapter of the volume deals with this aspect. The volume concludes with a chapter dealing with the qualifications and attributes needed for law librarianship. Training of law librarians is discussed, and reference is made to professional associations for librarians.

The library in the university: observations on a service, Norman Higham. London: Deutsch, 1980, 205p, £7.50 ISBN 0 233 97222 6.

The author presents a very readable informal survey of finance, selection and acquisition, cataloguing, external and internal services, staffing, computers and storage and buildings. On the basis of his views and experiences as a university librarian of 25 years' standing, he aims at a discussion of underlying principles rather than a manual of practice.

A–Z of UK marketing data. Euromonitor publications, 1980, 528p. ISBN 0 903706 20 2.

This reference handbook contains very basic market facts and figures for the UK. It is arranged in alphabetical order starting with adhesives and ending with zip fasteners. Each page is devoted to a different topic and contains brief stati-

stical data on some or all of the following: production, imports, exports, consumption, ownership/usership, market size, leading brands and the structure of retail distribution. Data, where given, is for 1975 to 1978 and estimates for 1979 and 1980 are included apparently based on current trends. The selection of topics however is very diverse and perhaps slightly odd. For example there are sections on general topics such as age breakdown, expenditure and population, interfiled with highly specific topics such as perm preparations, personal tissues and pie-fillings (fruit). There is no index to the selected topics, neither are there any cross references. If you are interested in beverages, for example, then the only way of being sure that you have traced every relevant section is to check through all the sections from A to Z. There is no section on beverages or drinks but there are sections on beer, brandy and cognac, cider, cocoa powder and drinking chocolate, coffee, gaseous drinks, gin, health drinks, lager, liqueurs, milk (fresh), milk (instant), milk drinks, rum, spirits, squashes and cordials, tea, vermouth, vodka, whisky and wine. An index giving references to all of these would be useful and one wonders how many users would consider checking under gaseous drinks and squashes and cordials in order to trace information on soft drinks.

A major criticism of this publication is that the details given are very brief and probably not of much use to specialists in marketing. Sources of information are not given but are mentioned only vaguely in the introductory pages. However it should be said that the publication does provide interesting browsing material for the layman and could prove useful in providing a quick overview of the market for a particular product.

Stockbrokers' research and information services available to non-investor clients, compiled by K. P. Hilton and J. G. Watson. Oxford: Oxford Centre for Management Studies, 1980.

This guide has been produced to give wider publicity to sources of information which do not always receive the attention they deserve. For many years Stockbrokers have been providers of well researched information relating to markets, companies and economic conditions generally, however the recipients of this information have in the main been their clients. Now, some Stockbrokers are prepared to make their material available to a wider public, believing that, with proper safeguards the interests of their regular clients need not be prejudiced.

This guide lists 35 Stockbrokers and for each one gives details of its address and contact point, specializations and the titles of any regular publications together with their prices and frequency. There is a subject index to the specialization of individual Stockbrokers, however companies are listed only when they are the sole subject of a research report, or when listed as an area of specialist knowledge by the firm in question. The layout of the main entries is not conducive to scanning, which would be recommended for newcomers to the publication.

The guide is remarkably cheap for such useful untapped sources of information. A guide covering other City Institutions and their publications would be a welcome brother to *Stockbrokers Research and Information Services Available to Non-Investor Clients.*

Library research guide to education: illustrated search strategy and sources, by James R. Kennedy. Ann Arbor, Pierian Press, 1979. 80p (Library Research Guides Series, no. 3.) ISBN 0 87650 116 1.

This is directed at college majors of graduate students who are writing papers. Chapters cover: choosing your topic; narrowing your topic; communicating with the card catalog; finding the best parts of books; evaluating books; the third world: US Government documents; finding facts fast; using guides to the literature of education; using other libraries. The book is filled with examples, pictures of catalogue cards and cartoons. The bias is very North American which must limit its use outside the US; the list of basic reference sources is almost wholly made up of American material.

New horizons for academic libraries: papers presented at the First National Conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries, Boston, Massachusetts, 8–11 November, 1978, edited by Robert D. Stueart and Richard D. Johnson. London, Saur, 1979, 583 p. ISBN 0 89664 093 0.

There are 7 theme papers at the beginning and 66 contributed papers arranged in 8 sections: administration and management (including personnel management and management techniques); bibliographic control and automation (including integrated systems and interfacing existing independent automated systems); bibliographic instruction; cooperation (including community information and networking); economic aspects (including budgeting for non-print media and budgetary priorities); the librarian's role (including the future, faculty status and exchange programmes); resources (including subject specialists, women's studies resources and collection analysis); services (including online and user education and access). The papers are all interesting and emphasise the wide range of issues facing academic librarians.

Directory of special libraries and information centers. 5th ed, edited by Margaret L. Young and Harold C. Young. Detroit, Michigan: Gale Research Company, 1979, 2 vols. ISBN 0 8103 0297 0 7 (vol 1); ISBN 0 8103 0298 5 (vol. 2).

The directory is subtitled a guide to special libraries, research libraries, information centers, archives and data centers maintained by government agencies, business, industry, newspapers, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and societies in the fields of science, technology, medicine, law, art, religion, history, social sciences, and humanistic studies. Volume 1 is a directory of special libraries and information centres in the United States and Canada; volume 2 contains geographic and personnel indexes. The so-called volume 3 is in fact *New Special Libraries:* a periodic supplement to volume 1, issue 1 which is dated September 1979. The directory contains over 1400 entries which include name of library and parent organization, address and telephone number, name of person in charge and supervisory staff, founding date, size of professional and non-professional staff, special or unique collections and important subjects in collections, size and composition of holdings, number of serial titles received, services available to outside enquirers, automated operations including online systems, membership in networks and/or consortia, publications, special catalogues and indexes. Entries are alphabetical with separate sequences for the USA and Canada and there is a subject index. Volume 2 contains brief entries: the geographic index is arranged by US, US territories and possessions, Canada; the personnel index is an alphabetical list of people in charge of the centers.

Library of Congress Cataloguing Service Bulletins 1–125 [reprinted with a Comprehensive Subject Index]. Detroit, Michigan: Gale Research Co, 1980. IBSN 0 8103 1102 8.

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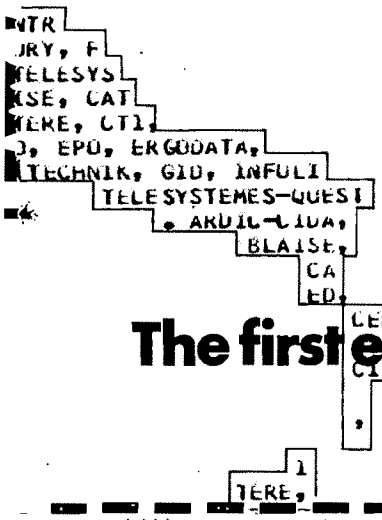

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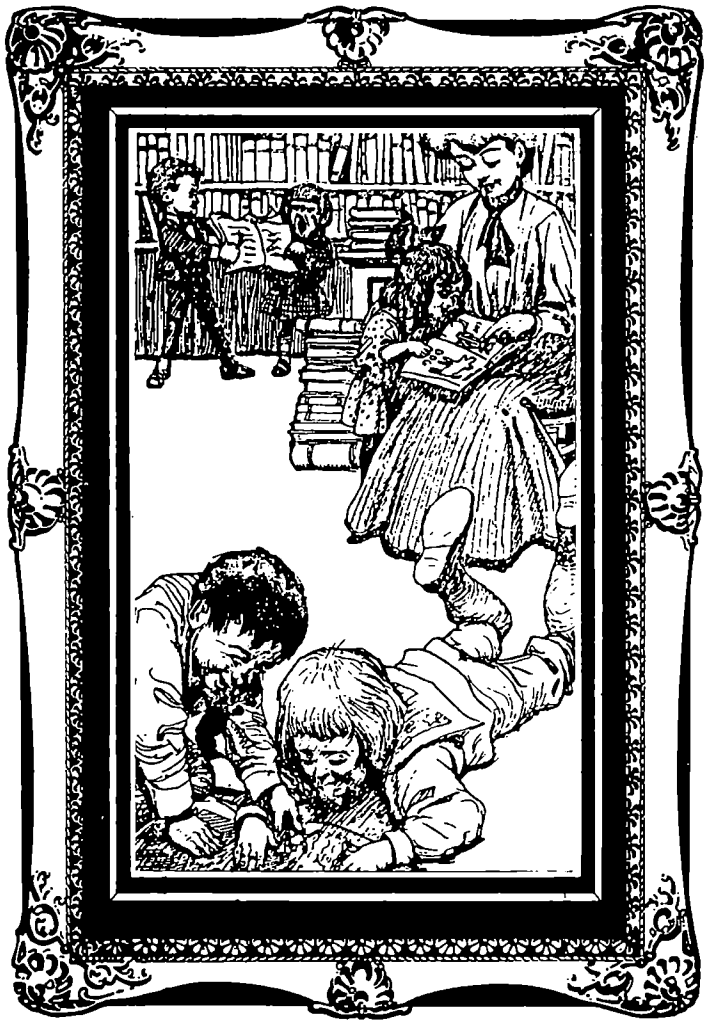

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